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INTERMEDIATES OPEN NEXT FRIDAY

Public Schools Asked To Add To Equipment

Possibility Of Joint Provision Of Training Discussed

Possibility of combined facilities for household science and shopwork for both high school and public schools was suggested this week by W. H. Eves, chairman of the public school board. The Era went to Mr. Eves to learn what, if any, additional demands the provincial department of education is making on the public schools, in carrying out the new course of studies.

"The department is asking us to install a certain amount of machinery and additional equipment but I do not think that they will bother us for several years to come," said Mr. Eves.

"At the present time we have sufficient accommodation," said Mr. Eves. "We have three extra class-rooms, and we are using two of them for manual training and household science. School population varies quite a bit and there is a possibility that in five years time we might need those three rooms for class-rooms. At the present time we have 43 pupils in one room and 39 or 40 in three or four others. Those

HOSPITAL AID TO HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the hospital aid will be held at the nurses' residence, Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 3.15.

Classes are getting just a little big.

"Our board would welcome an invitation from the high school board to discuss together the possibility of joint accommodation. The public schools already have about \$1,000 worth of equipment that could be used in a joint building. The subject might be discussed jointly and with the minister of education."

Joint accommodation and equipment might also mean economy through joint instruction, Mr. Eves suggested.

Asked whether joint accommodation would necessitate a joint board of education, Mr. Eves said that the public school board would have to share in the control of a joint building. While favoring a board of education, for general reasons, he did not think it inevitable or essential in case of co-operation in manual courses accommodation.

LIONS EXPRESS THANKS BEHALF OF CHILDREN

Money Will All Go Where It Was Intended, To Help Unfortunate

Friends of the needy and underprivileged, people who cannot be happy on Christmas unless they have done a lot to make others happy, and people with the spirit of Christmas running in their veins combined to send the Lions Christmas Stocking fund over the top.

"Every cent that was not used for the Christmas boxes will go into welfare work for the same needy children," H. E. Lambert, ex-governor of Lions clubs for Ontario and Quebec and one of the most enthusiastic promoters of the Christmas work, told The Era.

"We looked after 81 families, including 232 children," said Jack Luck, chairman of the Lions Christmas committee.

"All parcels were delivered Saturday afternoon," he said. "All needy children that we had any information about were taken care of, and all cases were investigated to be sure that they were worthy."

"We also co-operated, in order to avoid duplication, with the Women's Welfare Society, a new organization, the Newmarket Veterans, and some of the churches. We wrote to all the clergymen in town asking their co-operation in carrying out the Christmas work."

"We also want to express our thanks to the second Newmarket troop of Boy Scouts for repairing toys for the boxes. Toys that weren't used will be sent to needy children."

Lions Treasurer Frank Courtney reports a total of \$581.25 given to the fund.

LIONS CHRISTMAS FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$435.25
A. W. Hewitt	2.00
R. L. Hewitt	1.00
J. H. McKenzie	2.00
In memory of a former member	100.00
XYZ	2.00
A. K.	0.00
L. P. Cane	1.00
Strand Theatre	5.00
A. Friend	10.00
Fred Hewson	2.00
Pickering College	15.00
Total	\$581.25

MOUNT PRAISED FOR POLICE SCHOOL WORK

Reeve Dr. L. W. Dates has received the following letter from C. R. Crawford, inspector of training, Toronto police force:

"I have been directed by Mr. J. C. Meltzer, K.C., director, to forward you a copy of the results of the examinations held at the full term of the Ontario Provincial and Municipal Police Training School, Toronto, from Oct. 31 to Nov. 26, 1938.

"You will note that the scope of the examinations has been extended. This is due to the fact that the curriculum of study was divided into four parts, namely, police procedure; evidence and procedure; criminal law and general statutes; and educational.

"In these examinations the pass mark was 50 per cent, and in my opinion Constable Mount, by attaining 75 per cent marks, did exceedingly well, especially when we consider any constable attaining 60 per cent marks as outstanding.

"In Toronto, the passing of these examinations is regarded as a qualification for promotion, but does not give any prescriptive right to promotion. Officers are selected for promotion according to the degree in which they prove themselves to be suitable for the responsibilities of higher rank by their excellence of character, fidelity, zeal, initiative, standard of practical efficiency and qualities of leadership.

"It is an accepted fact that in order to cope with present-day conditions it is essential that police officers be more thoroughly trained in their duties, and while police duties in general must be learned through the application of practical experience, a sound theoretical knowledge of police work is necessary, and I feel that whenever possible, every police officer should attend a course similar to that provided by this school."

NEW COUNCIL MEETS JAN. 9

The first meeting of the new town council takes place on Monday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m.

Era printers take pride in their workmanship.

MINISTER PREACHES FOR FIRST TIME IN 1938 ON LAST SUNDAY OF YEAR, ON CHRISTMAS

Preaching for the first time since he came to Newmarket early in the year, Rev. R. R. McMath was in Trinity United church pulpit on Christmas morning.

Mr. McMath used a loudspeaker pinned to his coat and was easily heard throughout the church. He expressed appreciation of the patience shown by the congregation.

Members of Mr. McMath's Sunday-school class assisted him with the service.

His text was: "She brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manger."

SEEDS SENT FROM PINE ORCHARD ARE NOW BEING PASSED FROM FRIEND TO FRIEND

Mrs. B. A. Dike, secretary of the Pine Orchard Women's Institute, has received the following letter from Mrs. Violet McNaughton, women's editor of the Western Producer, Saskatoon:

"You may have heard from Mrs. F. Ross, secretary of the Pinkham Homemakers club, to whom your seeds were sent, but anyway I am writing to tell you how delighted I was to receive a note from her this morning. She says:

"At the last meeting of the Pinkham Homemakers club it was suggested that we write and tell you how well the seeds we got from Newmarket, Ont., grew. We all had the best gardens we ever had and most of us were

able to donate several sackfuls of vegetables to those less fortunate in other parts of the province. Thank you, Mrs. McNaughton, for your kind efforts in helping us to obtain these seeds."

"I really don't think there is a more delightful way of helping people than by supplying them with seeds, because you can just feel that the work is going on and on, as is evident by the fact that sackfuls of vegetables from your seeds have already been sent to other parts of the province and I am sure they will be keeping lots of seeds from this year's garden for next year."

"Again thanking you for your splendid co-operation."

FIRE LEAVES FAMILY OF NINE HOMELESS

To have their seven-roomed house almost entirely destroyed by fire and to lose its entire contents, was the sad misfortune of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Dalton and their seven children, of near Bradford, last Friday evening, two days before Christmas.

The whole family attended the Amsterdam school concert for the evening and Mr. Dalton came home early to light the stove and have the house warm before the others returned, to find that his home was practically burned down.

The homeless family had to take refuge at the home of a neighbor. All their Christmas purchases were burned with their other belongings.

SKATER CRASHES ICE, RESCUERS TOO LATE

Tragedy spoiled Christmas festivities at the home of Mrs. John Campbell, Newmarket, when her son, Norman Wood, 16, who was employed on the farm of Cecil Sedore, near Keswick, crashed through thin ice while skating on Lake Simcoe on Friday evening and was drowned.

The boy and two companions, Fred Crittenden, 17, and Lorne Sedore, 17, had skated along the Maskinonge River from the Sedore farm, and leaving his two friends at the mouth of the river he skated out into the lake. Starting to return to the Keswick shore, he crashed through the ice about a quarter of a mile from shore. He struggled in the icy water for some time, while those who heard his cries made frantic attempts to reach him. They were able to locate him by the flashlight he carried, but were unable to get anything out on the paper thin ice from which to reach the boy.

Finally a boat, owned by George York, was obtained and brought by truck from a mile south. When the rescuers finally reached the boy with the boat, he was in seven feet of water, and they were able to pull him out with a bathhook. In his struggles, the lad had cut a path of open water about 75 feet long, toward the shore.

Rescuers worked over the boy for an hour, in an attempt to revive him, when doctors said that there was no use continuing.

Mr. Sedore and the boy's two companions said that the boy had ignored warnings that the ice was unsafe.

Among the rescue party were Austin Huntley, Arthur Pollock, Clarence Sedore, Orval King, Ethan Morton, Clarence Clayton, Aubrey Sedore, Frank White and Stewart Mainprize.

Coroner Dr. J. C. R. Edwards stated that there would be no inquest.

The boy's grandfather was drowned in just about the same place while fishing, about 17 years ago, his mother stated.

Young Wood had attended school on the second concession of East Gwillimbury, and had been working at Keswick recently.

A funeral service was conducted on Monday at the funeral chapel of Strasser and Son, Queensville, by Rev. R. R. McMath of Newmarket. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

SKATING CANCELLED

As a result of the weather becoming a little milder there will be no skating at the Newmarket arena tonight, contrary to announcement made to last evening's skaters.

There will be no skating tomorrow evening either, but on Saturday evening there will be a public skating party to usher in the New Year.

PIANO WIRES DO NOT MAKE HIM MUSICAL

Rev. W. S. Alexander Sends Greetings From South To Newmarket

The following letter has been received from Rev. Dr. W. S. Alexander, South Solon, Ohio, former pastor of the Christian-Congregational church, Newmarket.

Newmarket Era and Express Herald:

We, the people, ought to discover some justification for the existence of such publications as the above named. So now, ye editors, Hebb and Ang, figuring that you both might be hard put to, to find filling for your columns, this off-color, after-holiday season, I dared to think you might condescend to allow me to use you for a purely selfish purpose. Of course, we all know that town papers exist for and are controlled by 'service motives' only. Now, to come the more closely to the point without pricking either of you too badly, let me say that we were so overwhelmed with Christmas greetings, that I being so physically lazy and so economically Scotch presumed to ask you for the use of your columns as a medium by which to communicate with my friends.

No, that's true; you didn't send me any personal Christmas greeting, but though your limited acquaintance with such writings may prevent you from recalling, howsoever, the scriptures say, 'return good for evil, which thing I'm in the act of doing. Now you self-condemned, sheepish-felling friends of mine, give this a place of prominence in your publications, and don't you dare to exercise your boasted editorial prerogatives and remove the bars before you insert this.

Our good friends who sent us such happy reminders of so many past happy associations and our eyes mistletoed as we thought of the four happy years we spent among you. Kindly accept this as a genuine expression of our feelings toward you, and excuse us if we fail to make personal acknowledgment of the receipt of them. And let us hasten to say that many of you who thought as kindly toward us though did not in this way express those thoughts, you too are held in equally high esteem. To you theological dignitaries, men of the cloth, who spend so much time digging in or for profound truth, my remembrance of you is very happy. I thank you dentists for not punishing us worse, you barristers for not involving us more, you cops for not exposing us humiliated, you close neighbors for refraining from damaging gossip, you good Christians who regretfully didn't belong to the church I so ably served, for your remarkable lack of jealousy and envy, and you practicing physicians of the medical art that we are both hale and hearty, either because of or in spite of the practicing.

And I want to express my genuine gratitude to my good Samaritan friend who lived across the street from me who came to my rescue when I was much the worse from an auto-gymnastic stunt. He served me ably and faithfully personally, and contented me with Canada's best specialists. He demonstrated how far a human neck could stretch and reap benefit from the stretching. But I must confess that the piano wire which the specialist interwove among my disturbed spinal equipment did not contribute one iota to my deficient musical abilities. I can see no improvement in plucky quality of tone, volume, or ability to execute, but I suppose I should be genuinely grateful that the whole procedure, narrow and tedious, did not stop my ability to produce sounds.

And now, fellow townsmen and acquaintances whom we are happy to know, our good friends more warmly located, we hope and expect to see you some time in the future. Eliminate all your bad habits, cultivate all your good ones and in case you have a surplus of the latter kind I may be able to serve you by discovering for you an export market for the same.

And finally, ye editors, whom I have so graciously served by sending you a little material worth reading, if you so appreciate the merits of such an article as this and will send me one of those copies you can't dispose of otherwise except by destroying, I might consider giving you the benefits, occasionally, of my exceptional literary talent. Till such a time as you wake up and embrace such an unusual offer, I am

Yours very obligingly,
W. S. Alexander.

BROOCH FOUND

The pearl, diamond and ruby brooch, which was lost and advertised for in The Era last week, has been found. The brooch was lost at the Hunt Club ball at Aurora and a \$150 reward was offered.

WOMAN DRIVER HURT

When her car ran into the ditch on Yonge St., near Eagle, during the snowstorm on Monday evening, Mrs. Robb of Toronto received cuts about the head, but after being attended by Dr. J. G. Cock, was able to continue on home.

Oakwood Plays Here Jan. 6 In First Game

Seven Teams In Grouping Assure Lots Of Interest And Competition

Newmarket's intermediate hockey squad are playing in a real hockey group this year.

With seven teams in the grouping, Newmarket gets 12 league games, and at least two more games if the local boys place with the top four teams.

Fred Thompson was named coach and manager at a meeting of the executive on Tuesday evening. It was announced by President C. W. Holmes that as far as possible home talent would be used.

The teams are Oakwood, Sutton, Lindsay, Beaverton, Lakefield, Whitby and Newmarket. Newmarket's first game is here with Oakwood on Jan. 6.

Practices started Wednesday night for the Redmen. There are also practices tonight and tomorrow night.

Oakwood is a village about five miles this side of Lindsay. Lakefield is a village of about 1,300 people north of Peterboro. The other entries are all well-known.

Intermediate Hockey Schedule

Jan. 3—Sutton at Oakwood	Jan. 4—Whitby at Lindsay
Jan. 5—Sutton at Beaverton	Jan. 6—Lindsay at Lakefield
Jan. 7—Oakwood at Newmarket	Jan. 8—Lakefield at Oakwood
Jan. 9—Newmarket at Whitby	Jan. 10—Beaverton at Sutton
Jan. 11—Sutton at Lindsay	Jan. 12—Oakwood at Beaverton
Jan. 13—Whitby at Sutton	Jan. 14—Lindsay at Oakwood
Jan. 15—Sutton at Lakefield	Jan. 16—Beaverton at Newmarket
Jan. 17—Newmarket at Sutton	Jan. 18—Oakwood at Whitby

First and third teams to play off, goals to count, home and home games.

Second and fourth teams to play off, goals to count.

Winners of the above meet in group finals.

CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE IN TRINITY IS IMPRESSIVE

A beautiful candle-light service marked Sunday evening in Trinity United church. Junior and senior choirs came into the church carrying lighted candles. Two angels, portrayed by Mrs. Delbert Glibney and Mrs. John Rutledge, lighted the candles at each side of the pulpit and at the front of the church, which was lighted through most of the service only by candles.

Mrs. I. Harris read explanations of Christmas carols which were sung. Rev. R. R. McMath presided. The service was well attended.

Jan. 23—Whitby at Oakwood	Jan. 24—Lakefield at Beaverton
Jan. 25—Newmarket at Lindsay	Jan. 26—Whitby at Lakefield
Jan. 27—Beaverton at Whitby	Jan. 28—Oakwood at Lakefield
Jan. 29—Lindsay at Sutton	Jan. 30—Sutton at Beaverton
Jan. 31—Sutton at Newmarket	Feb. 1—Newmarket at Lakefield
Feb. 2—Sutton at Oakwood	Feb. 3—Sutton at Whitby
Feb. 4—Newmarket at Beaverton	Feb. 5—Lakefield at Sutton
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Sick Of School, Ran Away At Ten, Still Going At 96

Philip Smith Still Makes Daily Trip To Post Office

Probably Newmarket's oldest citizen, Philip Smith celebrates his 96th birthday today. Mr. Smith makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Firth, Raglan Ave.

Mr. Smith is partially deaf and suffers somewhat from arthritis but is otherwise in good health. He makes a daily visit to the post office.

"I was born in Buckinghamshire, England, on Dec. 28, 1842," said Mr. Smith. "I lost my first wife and two children in England. I came to Toronto in 1870 and was married in Newmarket in 1877 to the youngest sister of John Collins. Mr. Collins was married a few days after we were. They have been married 62 years next month. My wife died seven years ago. We had no children and I am all alone, except for my wife's people."

"How did you happen to come to Newmarket?" The Era asked Mr. Smith.

"I was a mason and I came to Newmarket to build the Pipher store on Main St., south of the Imperial Bank, for Vince Denne," was the answer. "I built the front part of Charles Denne's pork packing plant on Huron St. It's now a garage. I put a brick veneering on the Cane house where the hospital now stands, and in recent years I did day work on the hospital itself."

Among the many other contracts which Mr. Smith cited was the masonry for the Aurora town hall.

Mr. Smith told of a trip to Huntsville "when it was no place at all, you might say. There was no railway north of Barrie. There were two houses in Huntsville and no bridge."

Mr. Smith did all his own figuring for contracts in spite of little formal education.

"I ran away from school to go to work when I was ten years old," he said. "A fair education is all right for boys, if they can afford it and like it. Some boys go to school too long. Schools are altogether different today. They are having holidays all the time nearly."

WHITCHURCH REEVE, COUNCIL, ACCLAIMED

Reeve Earl Toole, Deputy Reeve Jesse Cook and the three councillors, John H. Leary, Herman Kidd and Herman Wells, of Whitchurch township, were all returned by acclamation at the nomination meeting last Friday.

A proposal at the meeting by Reeve Toole on the changing of the township voting to the first week in December from Jan. 1, resulted in a decision to consider a plebiscite on this question at the next election.

NEW YEAR'S MARKET

At the New Year's market on Wednesday, there was a scarcity of turkeys. Geese sold for 17 cents to 20 cents a pound, turkeys were 25 cents a pound, young chickens were from 18 cents to 20 cents a pound and ducks sold at 20 cents a pound.

Coming Events

(Coming Events announcements one cent a word per week, minimum 25 cents.)

Wednesday, Jan. 11—St. John's next Bingo party will be held at 8 p.m. in St. John's school. Come and win a prize.

STORMY BLAST HITS DISTRICT, SNOW HIGH

Making his appearance on the stage before Father Christmas had made his exit, Father Winter came with a stormy blast on Monday afternoon evening.

Laying down more than a six-inch carpet of snow on this part of the world on Monday night, he sent the mercury scuttling downward on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The low was probably not much below six degrees above zero, recorded at 6 a.m. Wednesday. Wednesday at midnight the temperature was ten above.

Snow-plows were in action on Yonge St. on Monday evening. Drifts had piled up across the highway and motor traffic was slowed down. A few individuals, returning from Christmas parties, got off the road entirely. A passenger bus leaving Newmarket at 9:10 went off the road at Armistice, with no one being hurt.

Milder weather was forecast today.

Era printing prices are reasonable.

Honored As Though Member By Firemen And Veterans

Friendship With Firemen Goes Back To Days When Mother Kept Hotel

After an illness of only four days, Miss Eleanor Ross (Nellie) Forsyth died on Tuesday, Dec. 27. She is gratefully remembered for her field comforts and Red Cross work during the Great War. She was an officer of both organizations and her home was an open headquarters to all in need of help or engaged in war work.

The Newmarket Veterans considered her one of themselves and last evening paid a visit to the home of her niece and draped the casket with a flag.

The Newmarket fire brigade also paid a visit to the home last evening. Her friendship with the firemen dated back to days, more than half a century ago, when her mother operated what is now the King George hotel. Her mother, Mrs. Forsyth, sometimes hollered great cauldrons of water in which the firemen could thaw out frozen hose.

Born in Newmarket, Oct. 7, 1857, she was the youngest daughter of the late James Forsyth and Margaret Ross, three sisters having predeceased her. She had lived here all her life. She was a member of St. Paul's church and was associated with the W. A. and Ladies' Aid of that church.

She was especially interested in all the activities of the firemen and veterans' associations and liked doing anything to help either one of these organizations. Both organizations remembered her at Christmas. She was willing to help any worthy cause, and frequently helped to organize the veterans' tag days. She is survived by one niece, Mrs. W. L. Bosworth.

The funeral took place today at 2.30 p.m., from the residence of her niece, Mrs. W. L. Bosworth. Rev. A. J. Patstone conducted the service. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

Palbearers were: W. J. Patterson, K. M. R. Stiver, Fred Thompson, J. E. Nesbitt, W. W. Osborne, who represented the firemen, and Wm. White, who represented the veterans.

Christmas Card Mail For Newmarket Turns To Flood

Telegraph, Telephone, Express Are Kept Busy For Christmas

The heaviest Christmas card mail in the history of the local post office was handled last week, according to L. P. Cane, postmaster.

"We had far more parcels in 1920, but we have never had so many cards before," he said. Mr. Cane expressed appreciation of the co-operation of those who mailed their Christmas cards early. Last-minute cards delayed the handling of first-class and business mail he said.

It is unofficially estimated that at least 150,000 Christmas cards went through the Newmarket post office in the two weeks before Christmas. Over 70,000 one-cent stamps were sold for the Christmas trade, but there is no check on how many of the cards were mailed through this post office and there is no way of knowing how many cards were received here.

The express business was unusually heavy this year, said H. M. Gladman, C. N. Express agent. Christmas telegrams were more numerous than usual, according to George Thompson, C. N. Telegraph agent.

The voices of Newmarket citizens were heard by telephone in many parts of the continent over the Christmas weekend.

JOHN BLAIR OF OWEN SOUND KILLED XMAS EVE

Eldest brother of Henry Blair of Newmarket, who died recently, John Blair, 60-year-old Owen Sound resident, was killed by a hit-and-run driver in Owen Sound on Saturday evening. A young man has been arrested as a result.

The number of calls to out-of-town points during the weekend was just on an average with the previous business days of December with approximately 200 calls being handled on Dec. 28. This figure is just a little under last year's figure of 224 for the same day, according to H. McClelland, Bell Telephone manager.

The number of local calls maintained a steady flow to keep the augmented staff of operators busy throughout the holiday period when large numbers of citizens took the occasion to express their best wishes and season's greetings to their friends and neighbors. These calls numbered a little over 2,500 for the two days, Christmas Day and Monday.

Several voice paths of considerable distance were established to carry greetings from Newmarket, and among these the longest were to Daytona Beach, Florida, and to Roblin, Manitoba.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR IMAGINATION 1939

It was New Year's Eve in the year 1938. The Smith family sat about the sitting-room of their comfortable home on Boisford St. They were discussing the year that had then nearly taken flight and the wisdom of fortifying themselves with resolutions for better living in the new year of 1939.

"It is hard to believe that another year has gone so soon," said Mrs. Smith. "What a year it has been too. There was that dreadful monetary crisis that might have caused so much disaster."

"And the business recession too, just when we thought we were getting out of the big depression," added Mr. Smith. "Do you know what I think?"

"No, what?" chorused several members of the family.

"Well, I am reminded of the year 1938, 20 years ago," Mr. Smith answered. "You wouldn't remember, but your mother will. We were just getting out of a big depression at that time, a depression caused as an aftermath of the great war of 1914-18, just as this depression has been caused as an aftermath of the great armament race of 1930-1940. You know the world can't throw away materials and engage in wasteful and essentially useless production without somehow, sometime paying the price."

"You're getting sidetracked, Dad," said the oldest daughter, Mary. "Why are you reminded of the year 1938?"

"Well, that was the year of a great crisis too," answered her father. "Heavily armed, the nations of Europe were dangerously near war. They had managed to stay out of the Spanish civil war, and then the fascist regime in Germany—you'll have read about Hitler and the Nazis in your history books, I think—demanded the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia. It was dreadfully humiliating for the democracies of France and Britain to break their treaty obligations to protect that little country, but most people at that time believed that it was the means of averting a war. I think it turned out to be the wisest in the long run. If there had been another, greater war, a year or two later, Neville Chamberlain would have gone down in history as a weakling, but, as you know, there have been no major wars and now a war is almost an impossibility. He may have prevented the worst war in history."

"What do those words, 'fascist' and 'Nazi,' mean?" asked Ruth, the youngest daughter.

"Twenty years ago they meant a trial of the theory that one head is better than two, but today they mean nothing," was the answer. "But I think this past year has been similar to 1938, and that the coming year may be like 1939."

"What was 1939 like?"

"Well, that was a year. Business was much better than in the previous year. The world situation became less tense. A movement was launched to lessen trade barriers between nations. Men began to be regarded as assets again rather than liabilities. There was still unemployment but decidedly less. Business men became more confident. The people began to use more goods. Farmers got a little better price for their produce. They were able to spend more money and the wheels of industry quickened."

"The principal difference was a new spirit abroad. International hate and fear seemed to be on the wane. Political jealousies and ambitions

were lost in a new wave of public service. Adult educational movements got a new impetus. The Ontario department of education's practical projects curriculum in the public and high schools got into its swing. The provincial minister of agriculture, Hon. Michael Dewar, gave concrete help to rural adult education and the co-operative movement.

"There was a new spirit abroad. Right in our own town people shook off the discouragement of the depression years and went to work. It was an old home reunion year for Newmarket. Early in the year the town council called on citizens for suggestions for inexpensive improvements to our town. Everybody got interested. Already in 1937 and 1938 many people had fixed up and painted their homes, but in 1939 they outdid both those years. Carpenters and painters were going full time. People got out their hammers and nails and paint-brushes. Lawns and gardens were wonderful.

"It was in 1939 that the town council started the municipal garbage collection scheme.

"It was in 1939 that our new wide Main St. was laid out. The council passed a by-law providing that all new store fronts had to be set back a certain distance on each side of the street. No one realized at that time that there would be so many changes in 20 years, and now you know what a lovely street we have. There are still a few buildings that may not be changed for another 20 years but the future of our town as a business centre has been assured.

"There has been such a tremendous increase in motor-cars too that it was providential that we had such a far-sighted council back in 1939.

"That was the year too that juvenile hockey got started in Newmarket. The idea was to give the little shavers a chance to learn hockey. There was also the school kids' hockey as in former years. And then in the summer there was a corner-lot kids' softball league. The idea of training athletes and developing physical health seemed to catch hold. It was only a few years later that the citizens voted in favor of employing a full-time recreational director for the town. The recreational director and the public health nurse, also engaged about that time, have both well repaid the town in happier and healthier citizens.

"In those days state medicine was just being talked about. People didn't enjoy anything like as good health as they do today. People might have some disease just starting, but they wouldn't go to a doctor, because they felt that they couldn't afford it, until it was too late to prevent its spread to other people. Of course, we know a lot more about public health today than we did then. Our doctors are far more concerned today with prevention than with cure."

"You've made quite a speech, Dad," said Mrs. Smith. "What about the New Year's resolutions, children?"

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The Common Round

By Isabel Inglis Colville
NEW YEAR'S DAY

People seem to find a vast number of ways to celebrate the beginning of another year.

If we are devout we attend midnight service in our various places of worship and dedicate ourselves anew to making ourselves and the world a little better.

If we are gay, we dance the old year out and the new year in, and if we are not very near a church and have left the desire to dance behind us, we sit quietly round the fire, perhaps listening to some lovely music and thinking long, long thoughts of past and present.

It is strange the way we have set New Year's Day apart, as a sort of moral auditing day. We look at the credit side of our mental bookkeeping. What did we carry forward from last year?

Perhaps we can bring an improved temper forward; a kinder outlook on life. Perhaps we have improved ourselves mentally—read and studied and taken an interest in current events.

Perhaps we add a few little acts of kindness, and all these things added up may show that the total is the sum of our faith in God. If our faith had been "as a grain of mustard seed," the total of our moral credit would have made a far better showing. Then we look at the debit side. Alas, here one sees all too plainly, item after item of unpaid

moral debts. Here was an opportunity to speak a word in defence of someone who could not speak for himself—opportunity lost, through timidity or a selfish desire not to contradict someone. Here was an unanswered letter, where a letter would have been welcomed.

Here were hasty words which should never have been spoken and words of encouragement and praise which should have been said and were not.

All these, and others, which are between one's maker and one's self, add up to an appalling total. One wonders what one has left to start the new year on.

But it cannot be altogether hopeless: we have last year's experience to guide; we have the hope and courage which comes from putting the past behind us and reaching out with high hopes and high aspirations.

We vow we will open our eyes wider to see, and reach out our hands and open our hearts to every opportunity presented to us.

We will try to keep peace and love enthroned in our own hearts and homes and start down the highway of the New Year, keeping in mind the danger signals which warn us of our own shortcomings, and seeing on the sign posts all down the year, the guiding words—"Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you."



THE CHUMS HAVE AFTER CHRISTMAS BLUES

By Ruth Dingman Hebb

"Well, we had a nice Christmas, anyway," said Nutty Nut-hatch, to his friend, Young Chips, the Chickadee. "I think every bird had a really good Christmas dinner, even if they have been starving ever since."

"That's the trouble," said Young Chips. "A great many birds have been almost starving ever since, and dying of cold, but we don't carry the Christmas spirit much past Dec. 25. If we do something to help out the other fellow for Christmas, our minds are pleasantly at rest for a long time afterwards with the thought that we have done our duty."

"That was quite a speech, for such a chirpy and happy-go-lucky fellow as you," said Nutty. "But I insist that it's all a fellow can do to keep alive himself in such weather as this, without worrying any about other birds. Why, even the most fortunate of us have quite a struggle in bitter mid-winter."

"It's certainly been difficult for the last two or three days," admitted Young Chips. "After the very mild weather, I think it has been especially trying to be plunged into severe cold. There have been such a lot of bad colds going around, too. I'm barely over one myself. Have you had it yet?"

"Not yet!" said Nutty, "but I expect I will."

"Hello, Nutty and Young Chips," called a voice just then, and a big blue Jay alighted beside them.

"Why, how are you, Hand-some?" exclaimed Nutty. "How are you making out in this stormy weather?"

"Very badly," complained the blue Jay. "I haven't had a square meal since my Christmas dinner. I certainly got badly fooled when I decided to stay on in this wild north country. Why this weather isn't even civilized. It's outrageous! My blue-Jay pals who went further south in spite of milder weather will certainly be laughing at me when they know about this."

"Oh, here you are, at last, Young Chips," Merry Chickadee's voice broke in a moment later. "I have been looking all over for you to tell you the sad news."

"What sad news?" asked Young Chips, quickly. "Nothing has happened to any of our own family."

"No, they all seem to be stand-

streets caused bus accidents, killing one person and injuring 40. Roads were blocked, and the seasonable storms are expected to continue.

Reports from Berlin have it that the Nazi Reich is contemplating a world trade war. The forecast for 1939 is that Germany will pit its economic methods and propaganda machinery against the influence of the pound sterling and the dollar.

Then persons have been taken into custody, charged with extortion, following an investigation into the life and death of the millionaire, P. Donald Coster-Musker, indicted president of the drug firm of McKesson and Robbins, Incorporated, New York.

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Neighbor Nights

By LEONARD HARMAN

(Taken from Rural Co-operator)
This winter we are helping with an educational program in the Stouffville area in which we think the farm people of other parts of the province will be interested. There is nothing essentially new in the program. But there is a combination of methods which gives promise of working successfully.

Last year there was a move in the Stouffville area for an educational approach toward the development of their buying club into an established co-operative, operating on Rochdale principles, with a warehouse and full-time manager. Several small groups, mostly composed of men, met regularly during the winter. There was evidence of a great deal of interest and of plenty of leadership.

This year the Stouffville people decided to extend education to more people with the objective of action in the early spring. Meanwhile the study groups would be valuable for general education and the development of community spirit.

At each of six little cross-road neighborhoods in the Stouffville area farm homes have been opened for "a series of neighborly get-togethers where men, women, and young people gather to visit and discuss means of community betterment." A name for the meetings has been borrowed from some of the successful work in central United States; they are called "Neighbor Nights."

An evening is chosen in a neighborhood. The host family invites a dozen other families to come and bring light lunch. About 8 o'clock community singing and house games start. At 8:45 someone begins a short talk as introduction for the discussion of the evening. By 9 the gathering is divided into small groups of from five to eight people each. In one minute each group chooses from itself a leader for discussion and a secretary to report the findings. With the guidance of two or three questions which have been prepared in advance the group talks back and forth for half an hour.

Another half hour is devoted to a forum wherein the person who gave the short talk conducts discussion on the reports brought in by the group secretaries. By 10 o'clock the forum gives way to lunch while the people continue such discussion or visiting as they wish.

The Stouffville area has not had a United Farmers club meeting regularly through the years. For the present it seemed better to set up informal units than to attempt organization. By spring these units should decide just what they want to do. There is a strong feeling in the direction of co-operative business development. But it is possible that the people may decide also to set up some type of farm and co-operative organization, meeting regularly for educational purposes.

There is nothing to prevent a United Farmers club from using the study groups in a program, for its meetings, similar to that being followed around Stouffville. If attendance at club meetings does not exceed 30 people the club can meet in a body. If the members are numerous and scattered, sectional meetings can be held at different centres. Any material desired may be discussed. In a method so democratic one may depend on the people to throw up their most important problems sooner or later and come to grips with them.

With a little assistance in the way of study material any local area can develop a vital educational and social movement where men, women, and young people grapple with the problems which are determining our future. At the same time they can bring back that neighborly spirit which inspired our pioneers. All that is required is a little background in co-operation and a lot of foresight in initiative.

50 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 28, 1888

Dr. A. J. Stuart and wife spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mrs. H. Hamilton of Barrie is visiting at Mrs. J. R. Hunter's this week.

Mr. Frank S. Millard is spending Christmas with his uncle, Mr. Alex. Millard, of Toronto.

Mr. Robt. Walls of Brooklyn is spending Christmas with Mr. Chas. Landy's and Mrs. Wilson's.

Mrs. Wm. Campbell and child of Strathroy spent Christmas at Mr. A. Campbell's. Mr. Wm. Campbell is expected home for New Year's.

Rev. Mr. Love and bride arrived in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Percy of Saint Ste. Marie were visiting Mr. M. W. Bogart last week.

Mrs. M. Millard has returned from Orillia where she spent the past month with her daughter.

MARRIED—At Pine Orchard, Dec. 26, by Rev. C. H. Hainer, at the home of the bride, Mr. Samuel E. Jewett of Carlton West, to Miss Eliza B. Starr, eldest daughter of James Starr.

MARRIED—At the bride's residence, Dec. 25, by Rev. Jas. Carmichael, Mr. Neil MacMurely to Miss Annie E. Wells, both of King.

DIED—In Newmarket, Dec. 22, Seth Hollingshead, aged 64 years.

MARRIED—At St. John's church, York Mills, Dec. 4, by Rev. Richard Ashcroft, Chas. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Willis, Aurora, to Ida Mary, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Heslop of Laundry.

DIED—At Jackson's Point, Dec. 16, Stephen Beall, formerly of Queenville.



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TYRONE POWER-LORETTA YOUNG-ANABELLA
ALSO A PROGRAM OF SHORTS



The other evening I had to help audit the books of our local public school. The duty offered the occasion for a visit with one of our neighboring families; the kind of occasion which comes too infrequently and which we neglect to create without some excuse such as the auditing of a financial statement.

After the books had been declared correct the conversation chanced on the problem of a man who was intending to ship whole milk to Toronto. Report had it that this man was assured of a market with a Toronto dairy. All he needed now was cows. Both milk shippers thought it queer that a man could break into the Toronto market so easily.

It would not be strange for anyone to break into the Toronto potato market. It would not matter much about price or quality. There might be already a great surplus of potatoes in Toronto. But I might load a truck and haul potatoes in the general direction of the consumer. When the load reached the city the trucker might be forced to sell at a price that would help to drive down the income of all potato growers to a level that would deny a reasonable living. I am quite free to sell potatoes in Toronto at ten cents a bag regardless of the fact that it would cost several times that amount to produce them.

I could take the couple of barrels of apples out of my cellar and sell them at a price which would help to undermine the income of the fellow who grows apples as a main source of livelihood. I could do the same with hops or cabbages or a hundred

change the freedom of selling the product of their labor at half its value for the freedom which comes with economic security in a fair and stable market. By study, experience and organization milk producers are tracing a pattern which should prove a valuable guide for other primary producers.



Accidents over the Christmas weekend near the 100 mark in Ontario, with nine fatalities. After being struck by a New York Central Railway flyer near Windsor, three persons, residents of Detroit, were burned to death, after the car in which they were riding exploded.

Premier Hepburn's yuletide message to the citizens of Ontario carries with it a plea for all democracies to think more seriously of Christmas, and what it stands for. It is, and should be regarded as a symbol of clarity and good-will and neighborliness, peace on earth and good-will to men, he said.

Henry Donnell, 32, of Minneapolis, severed his right hand with a pocket-knife to save his life, after he had mangled and imprisoned it in a furnace on Monday.

All Jewish professors and teachers in German universities and high schools in Czechoslovakia, were suspended last week, in an order signed by Minister of Education Kupka.

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POLICE COURT HOLIDAYERS CHARGED WITH DRUNK DRIVING

Bail was set at \$500 for Melville Lockhart, Toronto, who is charged with reckless driving and driving while intoxicated, early Tuesday morning and the two charges were adjourned one week for hearing by Magistrate W. F. Woodliffe in police court here on Tuesday.

For driving his truck loaded with an excess width, Robert Sweezie, Newmarket, was fined \$5 and costs, or five days.

Provincial Constable A. O. Ferguson testified that Sweezie had his truck loaded with Christmas trees and that the width of the load was 126 inches. The tail-light of the truck was covered up and there was no oil in the flares, the constable stated.

A fine of \$5 and costs, or five days, was imposed on Andrew Giaschi, Brambridge, for attempting to pass cars on the highway.

"I met three cars on the Bradford flats, and the Giaschi car which was in the rear turned out to pass the three cars," testified Constable Ferguson. "Giaschi turned out so sharply that he had to apply his brakes and he pulled over to the side. Then the car behind him had to put on its brakes and it pulled right across the road and I had to get off the road to avoid being hit."

Homer Martin, North Bay, speeding, \$10 and costs, or five

days, charge laid by Provincial Constable A. O. Ferguson.

Charles Sproule, Craigvale, speeding, \$10 and costs, or five days, charge laid by Constable Ferguson.

Harry E. Kline, Midland, speeding, \$10 and costs, charge laid by Constable Ferguson.

A charge of reckless driving laid against Frank H. Barlett, Newmarket, was dismissed by the magistrate. Lorne C. Lee, Aurora, was defence counsel.

"On Oct. 29 I was returning to Toronto from my cottage in Muskoka around 9 p.m.," stated Norman McDonald. "I was driving behind an oil-truck north of Aurora and my speed was about 40 m.p.h. I turned out to pass the truck and when I got abreast of it I saw two cars approaching from the south and one of them was travelling on the centre lane. I pulled over as close to the truck as I could but the northbound car struck me broadside and went across the road into a fence. The truck was slightly ahead of me at the time of the impact but I did not have time to pull back into the west lane. I stopped my car and went back and talked to Barlett and we called the police. The fenders on the right side of my car were damaged."

"What made your car go over toward the east lane?" asked Mr. Lee.

"It went that way when I braked it," answered Mr. McDonald.

"When you turned out to pass the truck was there any car on the centre lane?" asked the mag-

istrate. "No."

Mr. Everest, the next witness, stated that he was driving north on Yonge St. just ahead of Barlett's car. He saw two cars going south and one turned out to pass, then the Barlett car behind passed him on the centre lane, Mr. Everest said.

"When the driver of the south-bound car saw Barlett in the centre lane he put on his brakes and slid across the road, and then I put on my brakes and stopped," stated Mr. Everest. "If Barlett had gone straight ahead he would have ploughed into the McDonald car, as it was right across the two lanes, and so instead he went into the ditch."

Constable Ferguson testified that there was an 88-foot skid mark from where the Barlett car was stopped beside a fence at Sir Wm. Mullock's to the east lane and that the McDonald car had left a skid mark of 152 feet.

A charge of speeding laid against Rev. Matthew J. Nealon, Uptergrove, was dismissed. Bolton S. Marshall, Orillia, was defence counsel.

Constable Kenneth Mount stated that a 1937 gray coach went west on Eagle St. at 45 m.p.h. Father Nealon stated that he went west on Eagle St. that day but that his car was a green coupe of the same make.

A charge of assault laid against Norman Hall, Ballantrae, by James Cooney, Whitechurch township, was adjourned one week so that defence witnesses could be present.

"On Dec. 17 I was at a shooting match across from Hall's and after the match I went into Hall's house for a few minutes," testified Mr. Cooney. "Hall had a little too much at the match and he was mad."

"Did he have too much porridge?" asked N. L. Mathews, K. C., crown attorney.

"No, too much to drink," answered Mr. Cooney. "When we were in the house he hit me on the cheek with his fist and my glasses fell off on the floor. There was a mark left on my cheek. As it was around Christmas, and Hall has a family, I didn't want to cause any trouble so I tried to have the charge withdrawn."

"What happened after you left the house?" asked Mr. Mathews.

"I went out to my car and Hall came outside and put his fist through the car window," answered Mr. Cooney.

"Then you laid the charge?"

"Yes."

"Did Hall make restitution to you?"

"Yes, he paid me for the window at the court last week, so I agreed to drop the charge. Then I was unable to withdraw the charge."

"You swore out a warrant for

a criminal offence against a man," stated the magistrate. "You can't withdraw a charge of that kind. I'm calling for defence and will adjourn the case one week so that the witnesses can be present."

ELMHURST BEACH RECEIVES CLUB BAG AT XMAS CONCERT

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. Charles White in his sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sedore and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey King and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Abe Sedore. Congratulations are extended to L. B. Pollock in being so successful in winning so many prizes at the fox pelt show in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harron, and Miss Florence Waldon of Toronto and Mr. Harold Waldon of Oshawa spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Waldon.

Mr. Claude Pollock of St. Andrew's College, Aurora, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pollock.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Ralph Draper fell and broke her wrist and hope she will soon be better again.

Mr. Maw, the teacher at Jersey school, is to be congratulated on the wonderful Christmas concert he had at the school. Every child in the community was remembered with a gift. The pupils presented their teacher with a nice leather club bag.

Keswick

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fockler and Miss Margaret Fockler have completed 20 years' residence in Keswick this week.

The regular United church W. A. meeting and supper, with program, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Nearly all of Keswick young people who are now elsewhere in Toronto, Oshawa, etc., were weekend visitors in their respective homes, and were given a cordial welcome by their many friends.

Mrs. John Morton and daughter, Betty, were called to Toronto last week, owing to Mrs. Morton's sister's illness.

Mr. Frank Marritt spent Christmas day with Mrs. Marritt at Gravenhurst. Mrs. Marritt's many friends are pleased to hear of the great improvement in her health.

Billie Vail is spending his vacation with relatives in Sudbury.

Mrs. Gilroy and Miss Gilroy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. Gilroy in Oakville.

Edwin Marritt is spending his vacation with his uncle and aunt in Toronto, while Lois is in Hamilton, and Mary Jean, who attends school in Toronto, is at her own home in Keswick.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Marritt and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Marritt, with their families, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Marritt, for the Christmas Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Pim and David were in Woodstock with Mrs. Pim's parents for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Retter and family spent Christmas in Toronto.

The United church was filled to capacity on Christmas morning. The pastor, Rev. C. E. Fockler, gave a Christmas message, leaving with his hearers many fine thoughts on the meaning of the Blessed Day. The choir, under Mrs. W. E. Morton's leadership, rendered several special selections beautifully. Mr. Fockler's story to the children was based on the masterpiece "The Madonna."

Prior to the dedication of the new choir gowns, which were worn that morning for the first time, Rev. Mr. Fockler thanked all who had in any way assisted in the getting of these gowns, either by contributions of money, or by personal effort and time given in the assistance of the making of them. He spoke in deep sincere appreciation of the work being done by the choir. Then in a short, but beautifully worded service, he dedicated the gowns to the work of the Master. The evening candlelight service was one of carol singing.

Zephyr

The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the community hall on Tuesday, Dec. 13. The meeting opened by singing the "Opening Ode," followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. Arrangements were made for the annual banquet in January. The following were named in connection with it. Refreshment committee, Mrs. A. Arnold, Mrs. R. Harman, Mrs. A. Armstrong and Mrs. W. J. Rynard; program committee, Mrs. C. Pickering, Mrs. R. Lunney, Mrs. H. Snowden and Mrs. E. Walker. Members for the hall board were re-elected as follows: Mrs. L. Profit, Mrs. Jas. Lockie and Mrs. J. W. Rynard.

Current events were given by Mrs. C. Pickering and a report of the annual convention by Mrs. R. Lunney and Mrs. C. Pickering. A chorus of Christmas carols was sung by five members.

A reading was given by Mrs. W. Curl on "Grandma's Long-some Christmas," and a solo by Jean Murray.

Mrs. Wm. Rynard conducted a

contest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cook of Aurora visited at Mrs. Neal's on Saturday.

Little Patsy Dunn of Newmarket spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lunney.

Mrs. Cole, mother of Mrs. H. Cain, was laid to rest in Queensville cemetery last week and also Mrs. Peter Wilson, mother of Mrs. Hough (Elta Wilson) of Toronto, was buried in Zephyr cemetery last week.

Both families have sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

RAVENSHOE

WHOOPIING COUGH CASES ARE MILD

Dec. 21.—Two trucks met at the corner of the sixth line on Friday. Both trucks were damaged. One was a bread truck, driven by Bud Fisher. Fortunately neither driver was injured.

A large number of farmers attended the hunt club dance and movie show at Aurora on Friday night. Everyone reports a jolly time.

A number of cases of whooping cough are in the district, mostly in a mild form.

HOLT

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS PLEASE LARGE CROWDS

The Christmas program for the Sunday-school was largely attended last Tuesday evening, and was enjoyed by all. Much credit is due the teachers and committee for the program. At the close of the evening, Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Perry were presented with a purse of money and groceries, after which they both spoke briefly, expressing their appreciation and thanking the people of the community.

A large crowd attended the public school concert last Wednesday evening. Everyone enjoyed a splendid program. The play was a success, due to the co-operation of the young people and the efforts of Miss Madeline Hogg and Miss Forsyth.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Bull of Huntsville are spending this week with Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Canna of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Slingerland and family, spent Christmas day with Rev. and Mrs. L. Slingerland.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hopkins for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dike, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hopkins and Miss Millie Dike of Mount Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Couch and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson, King City.

Miss Melissa Cunningham of Toronto is spending this week with relatives here.

The correspondent wishes everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The teacher, Miss Forsyth, is spending the holidays at her home in Stouffville.

Sharon

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Montgomery of Toronto visited friends in the village on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fry and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Kershaw spent Monday in Newmarket, with Mr. and Mrs. L. Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Luck of Richmond Hill spent Christmas day with Mrs. Ethel Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Tate and Miss Joyce are spending the holidays at Whitby.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parker are visiting in Toronto during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ramsay and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bagg at Downsview.

Mr. Ross Fountain of Kirkland Lake spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fountain.

Mr. Bruce Eves of Larder Lake spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eves.

Miss Ethel M. Shaw of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. M. Shaw and Mr. James Shaw of Hamilton spent the weekend holiday with Mrs. R. Shaw.

Mrs. John Moore, Mount Albert, Miss G. Moore of Toronto and Miss Marjorie Moore of Winnipeg spent Monday with Mrs. Shaw.

Miss Blanche Hall of Mount Albert spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson of Brampton spent the weekend holiday with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Collins spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Evans.

Mr. Richard Wayling spent Monday with friends in Toronto.

Service will be at the usual time at the United church on Sunday next, 7.30 p.m., with Sunday-school at 10.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome at both services.

Mrs. Clarence Long of Orillia spent Friday last with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brown. The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Elgin Evans, on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 2 o'clock. The roll-call will be answered by "My Favorite Radio Program."

A paper will be given by Mrs. Parker, a radio announcer of programs. There will be music by Miss Grace Barker, a paper on the making of cases by Mrs. Phil. Hamilton, current events

by Mrs. Watson. Refreshment committee will be Mrs. Bert. Hamilton, Mrs. Harold Lloyd and Mrs. Selby.

Sutton West

Mr. Dick Pearson, who is attending Queen's university in Kingston, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Christie of Wellington spent the Christmas weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Osborne.

Miss Muriel Cockburn spent Christmas weekend in Parry Sound. Misses Evelyn and Gladys Cockburn and Mr. Charles Cockburn and friend are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cockburn.

Mr. Frank Ward is spending this week at his home here.

Mr. John Buckley and friends of Oshawa spent the weekend with the former's parents here.

Mr. Roger Hascott spent the holiday weekend in Toronto.

Mr. Curtis King is spending the holidays with his aunt, Miss E. V. King.

Misses Audrey and Violet Graham and friends of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stone of Ottawa spent the Christmas weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Culverwell.

Miss V. McKeelvey, of Toronto, and Miss K. McKeelvey of Gravenhurst spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. E. McKeelvey.

Mr. Don McDonald and friend of Gravenhurst spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonald.

Miss Grace Ward spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ward.

Miss Elizabeth Noble spent Monday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Story of Trout Creek spent Christmas at Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ardill's.

PINE ORCHARD CAROL SINGING OUT OF DOORS IS REVIVED

An age-old custom was revived once again on Sunday evening when several young people visited about a dozen homes on the fourth line and Bogarttown to sing carols. They visited the aged and shut in. On their arrival at each home they sang outside until admitted and each home gave them a royal welcome.

These carol singers included Misses F. Tucker, F. Stickwood, Dora McClure, Gladys and Irene Harper and Roy Harper.

Guests for Christmas dinner at Mr. Ridley's home included Mr. and Mrs. Caulfield of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Barnstable of Oakville, Mr. Walter Ridley of Victoria Square and Miss Axmoore of Uxbridge.

Mr. I. Morton and family, Mr. Joshua Stickwood and Misses Lydia and Frances Stickwood, had Monday dinner at the Stickwood home at Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Toole had as guests for the holiday, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Forbes, Mrs. Bogart and Miss Toole, of Newmarket, also their son Earl and family.

Mr. and Mrs. McKnight and children had Christmas dinner with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Johnston and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis and baby of Yonge St., were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. M. Wilson.

At the home of Mrs. M. F. Starr and Mrs. E. Hawtin for Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. B. Hawtin and family of Beaverton, and Mr. Elmer Starr and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Spradon had Sunday dinner in Toronto at Mr. Arnett's and the Monday noon meal at the home of Mr. David Ellis in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClure, Mr. and Mrs. D. McClure and Joyce VanLaven had Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. David Conos' at Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howlett spent Christmas day at Mr. R. Wilton's, White Rose.

Mrs. George Noble spent a few days with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Eade, Gormley.

Mrs. Gordon McClure, Dora and Murray, were Christmas day guests for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Colville.

Mr. and Mrs. VanLaven of Newmarket spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Hope and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kay and their two children spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Preston were at the home of Mr. Stallbrass for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Guppy and children spent part of the holiday visiting an uncle in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Dike, Delbert and Billie, had Christmas dinner with Mrs. C. Dike at Aurora.

Mr. R. Hawtin and Miss Lila Hawtin motored to Lindsay for the holiday season to spend it with their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milne.

Guests for Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. L. Harper included Mr. and Mrs. R. Chapman, Dencie and Alma, of Pine Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. D. Booth and four children of Mongolla, Mr. C. Tomlinson and Mr. J. Hopper.

Miss Hazel Reid of Guelph spent the holiday season with her parents.

The Willing Workers will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the home of Mrs. Gordon McClure.

On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Colville gave a Christmas party for her music class.

After carol singing and games all sat down to a lovely tea. Those present included Misses Audrey and Grace Spradon, Ina and Ethel Sheridan, Dora McClure, Audrey Hunt, Gladys and Irene Harper. Mrs. M. Wilson was a guest of her sister and brother-in-law for Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Breckon of Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lunney and

Gordon spent Christmas day at Mr. Jos. Lunney's on the third concession.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Collins of Newmarket spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Armitage and family. Miss Ruth Armitage returned to Newmarket with her grandparents for a few days.

The Pine Orchard school Christmas concert was well attended on Thursday evening. A splendid program of drills, duets, piano solos, and recitations were given, and an operetta "Dame Durbin's School," was well rendered. The teachers, Mrs. Wicke and Miss D. McEwan, and scholars are to be congratulated.

ZEPHYR

HARMAN MEMORIAL TABLE IS DEDICATED

There was a large attendance at the Sunday-school entertainment last week when a splendid program of Christmas carols, recitations and dialogues was well presented and much enjoyed.

The Christmas service at Zephyr United church was well attended and special music was rendered by the choir and the sermon topic was "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

A communion table, memorial to the late Reuben Harman, was dedicated. Eight new members were received into the church on

profession of their faith in Christ.

The Era goes out to readers who pay for it. In other words, the advertiser can be sure that every copy of The Era is read.

LOCAL MARKET

On the local market on Saturday, eggs, grade A large, sold for 34 cents and A medium sold for 30 cents a dozen. Butter was 24 and 25 cents a pound. Young chickens were 19 cents and turkeys were 25 cents a pound.

Carrots, onions and parsnips were 15 cents a basket, apples were 25 cents a basket. Turnips and cabbage were 5 cents each.

TORONTO MARKETS

On the Toronto markets on Tuesday, eggs, grade A large, were 28 cents a dozen, A medium, 26 cents and A pullets sold for 21 cents. Butter was 23½ cents a pound for creamery prints No. 1. Turkeys, grade A, 10 pounds and over were 22 cents, geese, grade A, sold for 14 cents and ducks, over 5 pounds, grade A, sold for 20 cents a pound. Spring broilers, 1 to 1½ pounds, were 15 cents a pound. Spring chickens, 5 to 6 pounds were 17 cents.

Choice veal calves ranged from \$9.50 to \$10. Off-truck bacon hogs were \$9.25 to \$9.40. Good ewe and wether lambs sold at \$9 to \$9.25 with other grades at \$8.50 to \$8.50.



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NOTICE

NORTH GWILLIMBURY TOWNSHIP

A list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes has been prepared and copies thereof may be obtained from the treasurer, W. Erwin Winch, Belhaven, and the list is being published in the Ontario Gazette; and that in default of payment of the taxes, the lands will be sold by public auction on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1939, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Community Hall, Belhaven.
W. ERWIN WINCH
Treasurer. c16w38

PICKERING PROMOTES GUELPH CONFERENCE

To friends of the extension department, Headmaster Joseph McCulley of Pickering College has sent the following message: "Greetings and good wishes to all of you at this happy season! Living in a world such as ours is, we could find it easy to be cynical or skeptical about the Christmas message and the angels' song of 'peace on earth, good will to men.' It is all the more essential, however, that men and women of good will everywhere should take renewed courage and go forward more highly resolved to do their share in bringing order out of chaos and assisting in whatever way seems possible in the noble task of building 'the beloved community.'"

"For a number of years at this season of the year the extension department of the school sponsored a Community Life Conference. Last year we did not do it, but substituted a number of one-day leadership conferences during the months of winter. This year the question arose as to whether the conference should be resumed. Announcement was made some time ago of the fact that the Ontario Agricultural College is sponsoring a ten-day short course (dates: Dec. 27 to Jan. 6) on rural sociology, economics and co-operation.

"Since it is our feeling that this is a legitimate task of the provincial college of agriculture we are, therefore, not holding the community life conference this year; instead, we are urging that North York should be well represented at Guelph. We trust that many of those who would have been interested in a local conference will find inspiration and assistance by attending the course at Guelph. All details about the program, enrollment, etc., can be obtained from Leonard or Violet Harnan, address: R. R. 3, King, Ont. Telephone: Aurora, 99-21, or your local agricultural representative.

"I trust that our program as planned for the balance of the year and about which announcement will be made from time to time, will be helpful and interesting. In the meantime, a very happy and blessed Christmas to all."

P. S.: Activities in metal-working, wood-working and general crafts will be resumed at the college craft-shop on Monday evening, Jan. 9. A registration fee of \$2 to cover cost of eight classes is being requested."

NEWMARKET YOUNG FOLK PLAY AT HART HOUSE

Among the young players taking part in "Aladdin," being produced in Hart House theatre this week by Josephine Barrington's juveniles, are Miss Catherine Davis, who takes the part of an oriental fruit merchant, Miss Mary Davis, who plays a street singer, and Miss Barbara Davis, who takes the part of a dancer and of Scheherazade. The former are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Davis, and the latter is the daughter of E. J. Davis.

BIRTHS

Davis—At the Toronto General hospital, on Thursday, Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Davis, Perron, Quebec, a daughter.

Fines—At York County hospital, Dec. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Fines of Bradford, a daughter.

Moore—At York County hospital, Dec. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of Uxbridge, a son.

Ryman—On Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryman of Aurora, a daughter.

DEATHS

Brown—At Newmarket, Wednesday, Dec. 28, Mary Wilkinson Smart, wife of Peter Brown, in her 73rd year.

Resting at the funeral chapel of Roadhouse and Rose. Service in the chapel on Saturday, Dec. 31, at 2 o'clock. Interment Mount Albert cemetery.

Forsyth—At Newmarket, on Tuesday, Dec. 27, Eleanor Ross (Nellie) Forsyth.

Funeral service at the residence of her niece, Mrs. William L. Bosworth, 2 Huron St. west, on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Foster—At Queensville on Wednesday, Dec. 21, William Foster in his 63rd year.

The funeral was held from his late residence on Friday, Dec. 23. Interment in Queensville cemetery.

Fuller—Entered into rest in the Mountain Sanatorium, Hamilton, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, Adolbert Fuller, husband of Ruth M. Elliott, and brother of Mrs. Thos. Ingledew, Newmarket, and Miss Edith Fuller of Bolton, in his 30th year.

The funeral was held on Friday, Dec. 23, with service in the Oshawa Seventh-Day Adventist College chapel. Interment in Mount Lawn cemetery.

Morris—At Toronto Western hospital, on Monday, Dec. 26, Catherine MacCrea, widow of Thomas R. Morris of Bradford.

A private funeral service was held at her late residence, Bradford, on Thursday at 1:30. Public service in Bradford Presbyterian church at 2 o'clock. Interment at Alliston Union cemetery.

Wood—Accidentally drowned at Keswick on Dec. 23, Norman Wood, in his 19th year.

The funeral was held from the chapel of Strasser and Son, Queensville, on Dec. 26. Interment in Newmarket cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank you for your co-operation during the past year and especially during the Christmas season. With Season's Greetings.
W. A. King, Keswick.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank the nurses, Dr. and Mrs. Dales, patients at the ward, Mrs. M. B. Seldon, Mrs. G. G. Guelph and Miss Kathleen Widdifield for the loving care and kindness when I was in the hospital, and also I want to thank the ladies that telephoned and made inquiries concerning my health. I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. Yours very gratefully, Mrs. Richard Thompson.

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—Mr. Kester Hugo of New Lis-kard spent Christmas at home.
—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hebb and Larry spent Christmas with Mrs. Hebb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dingman, York Mills.
—Miss Mae Hollingsworth of Athens, Miss Helen Hollingsworth of Toronto were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elvidge.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King of Toronto spent the weekend with Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Roy Watson.

—Mr. James Seldon, who is attending Queen's University, Kingston, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Seldon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hector Cameron of Toronto spent the weekend with Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. R. Simpson.

—Mr. Ivan Atkins of Caledonia spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Atkins.

—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Patterson and baby of Toronto spent Christmas day with Mr. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson.

—Miss Eileen Jackson of Toronto was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson over the weekend.

—Miss Shirley Patterson, who is attending Harvard, Cambridge, Mass., is home for the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Leppard of Toronto spent Monday with Mr. Leppard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Leppard.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woodward of Toronto spent Monday with Mrs. Woodward's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Leppard.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. Quast and family spent Monday with Mrs. Quast's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Leppard.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Leppard and children spent Monday with Mr. Leppard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Leppard.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Travis and son, Ross, and Mrs. H. J. Gimblett of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Travis.

—Mr. Henry VanZant of Sudbury, Mr. C. Tymon of Collingwood and Dr. and Mrs. J. Dunn and Frances of Toronto spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. VanZant.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tod and Jimmie, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lamerton and Gwen, Mrs. Redfern, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Manning and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Markham, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacKay, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie Cane and Belfrey, and Miss Pearl Cane, were among the party who had Christmas dinner at the King George Hotel.

—Messrs. Walter and Alfred Tanners, who are attending Oxford University, London, Eng., and Miss Johnston of London, Eng., Mr. and Mrs. F. Dennison, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lukes and Miss Catherine Lukes of Bradford, were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eves.

—Miss Rae Eves, who is attending the Art College, Toronto, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eves.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Paik, of Shanly Bay, spent the holiday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. McClelland.

—Miss A. E. McClelland of Toronto spent the holiday at the home of her brother, Mr. H. McClelland.

—Mr. Albert Laver spent the weekend with his parents in Orillia.

—Miss Stella Fairry, nurse-in-training at the East General Hospital, Toronto, was home for the Christmas holiday.

—Miss Elizabeth Hewson, who is attending MacDonald Hall, Guelph, is home for the holidays.

—Miss Thelma Taylor of Toronto was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prest for the Christmas weekend.

—Mr. Wilbur Travis and Miss Lorna Draper spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. Travis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Travis.

—Mr. Ted Lewis of Iroquois Falls, Miss Anna Lewis who is attending O. C. E., Toronto, Mrs. J. C. Shackleton and Mr. Bruce E. Lewis of Toronto, spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lewis, Yonge St.

—Mr. Glen Wentworth of the Bank of Toronto staff spent Christmas at his home in Paris, Ont.

—Mr. D. B. Dougherty of the Bank of Toronto staff spent Christmas at home in Thornbury.

—Mrs. Norma Redfern of Toronto was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lambert over the Christmas weekend.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morton were guests on Christmas day of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Smith, Toronto.

—Rev. Richard Morton, Newmarket, Mr. Norman Morton, Thornhill, and Mr. Hiram Connell, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morton on Monday.

—Mr. Russell Foster of Timmins has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Foster, for the holiday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris were guests of Mr. Morris' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Weekes, Hamilton, for the Christmas weekend.

—Mr. and Mrs. George W.

Thompson were guests for Christmas of Mr. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Thompson, Toronto, and Mrs. Thompson's sister, Miss May Cawthorn, Toronto.
—Mr. Kenneth Woolven of Copper Cliff is spending a week's holidays with his parents.
—The Wright family of Queensville, also Mr. and Mrs. Bert Farr and Doris, Aurora, numbering 19 altogether, had Christmas dinner on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glover.

—Mr. P. W. Pearson of Preston spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brooks.

—Miss Miriam and Miss Florence Trewhella of Toronto spent Christmas at their home on Millard Ave.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lee, Miss Alice Lee and Mr. Floyd Ineson, and Mrs. Geo. Ineson of Toronto, spent Dec. 17 at the home of Mrs. Brilling. They were in town attending the burial in Newmarket cemetery of the late Mrs. Albert Bogart of Vancouver, whose husband predeceased her 25 years ago.

—Miss Keith and Miss May Keith spent Christmas day with Magistrate and Mrs. Keith in Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. Ryan of Toronto spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Ryan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, Lydia St., where the family gathering was held this year.

—There was a family gathering at the rectory over the Christmas weekend when Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Patstone had all the family at home, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Patstone, and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Patstone from Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collingwood of Peterboro, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Patstone and little son, of Newmarket, and Miss Vora Patstone from Shernford School, Ottawa.

—There was a family gathering at the home of Mrs. H. J. Crowder, Millard Ave., Mr. and Mrs. R. Thompson of Holt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rutledge of Ravenshoe, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crowder, Queensville, Miss Clara Crowder of Toronto, and Miss Evelyn Crowder of Newmarket and Mrs. and Mrs. Mino of Barrie.

—Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst of Queensville, spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. H. J. Crowder, Millard Ave.

—Lloyd Mino, who is attending Lorne Park College, Toronto, had the misfortune to have his nose broken in a football game the week before last. He spent the Christmas weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. H. J. Crowder, Millard Ave., later leaving with his parents for their home in Barrie.

—Kenneth Beckett, a student at Lorne Park College, Toronto, is spending Christmas holidays at his home on Tecumseh St.

—Mrs. Janie Ransier, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. Rose, for the past two months, left last week for her home in Brooklyn.

—Miss Meeda Williams, a teacher in the school at Orono, is spending Christmas vacation at her home on Niagara St.

—Miss Lily Dike is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anthony Brown, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Henry, Queen St.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Skelton and daughter, Audrey, were visiting Mrs. W. Driffin, Toronto, on Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burns spent Christmas with Mrs. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCordick.

—Miss Doris Powell of Toronto is spending a week's holidays with Miss Audrey Skelton.

—Mr. Gordon Jefferson spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. Ross Black, King township.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Sloss spent Christmas with Mr. Sloss' mother, Mrs. J. Sloss, Aurora.

—Mr. Gordon Purchase spent Christmas with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Purchase, Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Holmes and family spent Christmas in St. Catharines.

—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mount spent Monday with Mr. Mount's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Mount, Sharon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pike of Sutton are visiting Mrs. Pike's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morton for a couple of days. Mr. Pike is principal of the Sutton continuation school.

—Messrs. Lorne and Jack Patterson, who are attending the University of Toronto, and Miss Irene Patterson, who is attending the Ontario College of Education are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. McFadden and Miss Fernie Doane, all of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doane, Yonge St.

—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fuller of Schomberg spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. Fuller's father and sister, Mr. Walter Fuller and Mrs. Wm. Spence.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ainsworth and Master Bobby of Ottawa are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Marshall.

—Miss Eva Marshall of Toronto spent Christmas with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Marshall.

—Mrs. M. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rowland Hill, Lansing, Mich., Mrs. S. J. Steele and Mr. Earl Steele, of Gifford, Mrs. W. F. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Giles McKague, Mr. Howard McKague and Miss Mary Morrison, Toronto, were Christmas holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nesbitt.

—Mr. Bill Guthrie, who is working near Ottawa, is spending until after the New Year holiday at his home here.

—Mr. Norman Rush spent the weekend at his home.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clarke of Galt are spending their Christmas vacation with Mrs. Clarke's mother, Mrs. Arthur Winn.

—Miss Mary Rutledge and Mr. Alex. Rutledge of Hamilton were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rutledge, on Christmas day.

Engagements

The engagement is announced of Gladys Margaret, younger daughter of Mrs. Clement and the late Robert Clement, Churchhill, to Frederick Bruce Rolling, son of Mrs. Rolling and the late Herbert Rolling of Mount Albert. The marriage to take place the middle of January.

BOOKS PRESENTED AT SCHOOL CLOSING

Christmas exercises marked closing of the public schools for the holidays last Thursday afternoon. Singing, plays, dialogues and skits, were on the program, in the individual classrooms, with quite a few parents in attendance.

Books were presented to the winners in last June's public speaking contest as follows: King George school: Ruth Deavitt, 7 years, grade 1; Maud Farrow, 7 years, grade 2; Joyce McMullen, 10 years, grade 5; Donald Davis, 10 years, grade 5; Virginia Davis, 11 years, grade 6; Richard Hansler, 12 years, grade 8. Alexander Muir school: Mary Ellen McInnis, 6 years, grade 1; Bobbie Graves, 10 years, grade 2; Shirley Andrews, 8 years, grade 3; Frances Miller, 9 years, grade 4; Margaret Thompson, 11 years, grade 5; Mary Williamson, 10 years, grade 6; Audrey Hunt, 11 years, grade 7; MacCallum King, 12 years, grade 8.

Stuart Scott school: Reid Bell, 7 years, grade 1; Catherine Bailey, 7 years, grade 2; Eileen Jackson, 8 years, grade 4; Joyce Hill, 13 years, grade 7.

School opens again on Tuesday, Jan. 3. The school hockey league, as usual, will begin in January.

The teachers whose homes are out-of-town are all away. John G. Purdy went to Colborne, Miss A. B. Scott to visit her sister in Toronto, Miss Jessie D. McPherson to Mount Albert, Adolph H. Graham to Mount Albert, Miss Hazel C. Sprague to Sutton, Miss Hazel C. Hamby to King, Miss Alice Clark, supply teacher at Alexander Muir school, to Kitchener, A. D. Forbes and wife to Ingersoll.

CHURCHES UNITE FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

Following the custom of previous years, arrangements have been made for the observance of the world's week of prayer next week in Newmarket churches.

As Monday is a holiday there will be no meeting that evening.

On Tuesday there will be a meeting in the Christian-Congregational church at 7:30 p.m., conducted by the pastor. The address will be given by Rev. Dr. McIntyre.

On Wednesday, the meeting will be in St. Paul's memorial hall, conducted by the pastor, and the address will be given by Rev. Burton Hill.

On Thursday, the meeting will be held in Trinity United church conducted by Rev. Burton Hill. Rev. T. T. Falchney will give the address.

On Friday, the meeting will be in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, conducted by Dr. McIntyre. Rev. A. J. Patstone will give the address.

These meetings are for united prayer in which Christians join all over the world.

The subjects are those suggested by the World's Evangelical Alliance. Copies of the message which was signed by leaders in practically all non-Roman churches in the world are being distributed in local churches next Sunday, and contain notes for each day for guidance in prayer and thought.

The Newmarket Ministerial Association wishes to enlarge its scope. In future, monthly meetings will be held. The next meeting will be

held at the parsonage of Trinity church on Monday, Jan. 9, to which all ministers in and about Newmarket are cordially invited.

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make New York 'the city beautiful.' Already 150,000 youthful New Yorkers have joined.

With its slogan, "Do not litter the streets," the club is enthusiastically co-operating with civic employees, Mrs. Maclean said.

Writing of Sweden, which she called "the sanest, cleanest little country she has yet found," Kathleen Norris related that in Stockholm you can walk ten blocks in any direction right in the heart of the city, and not find enough refuse to fill an ordinary after-dinner coffee cup.

As a "public spirited citizen," Mrs. Maclean stressed the need for cleaner streets. She thinks this may come about by interesting children in the care of their city. "Let's make them proud of Toronto," she said, "and they will benefit from it later in life."

"Toronto citizens are to be commended for the way they have co-operated in an effort to keep the city clean and for the way they provide proper receptacles for their garbage," replied Street Commissioner H. Bradley. "Toronto's streets are in a cleaner condition than in most cities on this continent."

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Webster and daughters were at Mr. F. Orser's of Barrie for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wray and family were at Mr. J. Jefferson's.

Mr. Chas. Somerville, Miss Frances, and Mr. Russell Somerville were at Mr. Wm. George's of Snowball.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramson and Miss Marguerite Ramson of Toronto were at Mr. S. Somerville's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Sharpe spent Friday evening with their sister, Mrs. E. Hayes, of Willowdale, Miss Elsie Sharpe returning with them on Saturday for the holiday.

Master Douglas Doner is spending a week's holiday with his grandmother, Mrs. A. Doner of Yonge St.

Glenville Y. P. U. have accepted an invitation to visit Portageville Y. P. U. on Wednesday evening, Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Homer, Misses Ethel and Hazel Homer and Mr. Fred Judge were Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Deavitt's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gartshore, Dorothy, Shirley and Audrey, of Sharon; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deavitt, Ruth and Joan; Mr. and Mrs. E. Deavitt, Jeanne and Donald, and Mr. Percy Deavitt of Newmarket and Mr. Emile Tahoda spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Deavitt.

Miss Dorothy Gartshore of Sharon is spending her holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Deavitt.

CLEANER STREETS YET FOR CITY, SUGGESTED

Mrs. Frank Maclean, Duggan Ave., Toronto, formerly Miss Marion Perkins, Newmarket, interviewed by the Toronto Star, would like to see the streets of Toronto as free of litter as those of Sweden and Germany. She is willing to co-operate with groups in helping to train children to "respect public property" by refraining from throwing paper and waste articles on the sidewalks.

She plans to approach the home and school association in her drive to interest parents and children in the work of "keeping the city clean."

Mrs. Maclean outlined the activities of a "Junior Inspectors' club" sponsored by the New York department of sanitation. When a child joins the club, he receives a card signed by the secretary of the department of sanitation and "commander-in-chief" of the club. The members promise not to throw rubbish in the streets, parks or schools and "to foster an ambition in myself and others to

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Markham Downed, 5-3 As Puck Series Opens

Aurorans Forced To Come
From Behind To Win In
Final Period

The Aurorans played their first game on home ice on Tuesday night, and started their group series with a 5-3 win over the fast-breaking Markham hockey squad.

Fans who braved the wintry night, expecting to see the team that beat Midland and Barrie, were disappointed, for the Aurorans never got going and the game showed more shinny than hockey.

Much of this can be credited to Markham. Although they had only been on ice a few times this year, the Markham lads never gave the Aurorans a real chance to show their stuff. They proved to be real puck-hawks, and promise real competition throughout the group this season.

Joe McGhee, in the Aurora goal, had a bad night. It was just his tough luck, after a shut-out record in the two previous games, to be out-lucked on his home ice. Joe has lots of better games under his belt and fans will have a chance to see them before the next thaw.

After four minutes of getting nowhere, a Duff-Sabiston effort brought Markham its first goal. The tally seemed to start something in the Aurora ranks, too, for a minute later Cumming broke through to tie the score.

Eight minutes later, Markham again took the lead when Lawrie fooled McGhee on a fine shot. Pete Dunkin starred for Aurora in the opening minutes of the second period and led some splendid rushes. He was unable to fool the Markham goalie, however, and when Gord Bone went to the penalty box for a trip, Markham made it 3-1 on a fine play by Morrish.

Michinik finally got revenge for this one when he went in fast to take a rebound shot by Dunkin. In the next few minutes the Markham goalie stood spectacularly as he foiled repeated Aurora rushes.

Early in the third period Dunkin was injured and out of the game for a short while. McGhee, who had been trying all night, finally got his goal on a back-hand shot to tie the score at 3-3. This was easily Aurora's best period and at times they showed flashes of their usual form.

Schad, in the Markham goal, was called upon for further wonders when Coburn of Markham went off for tripping and Aurora kept the opposition bottled up behind their own blue line. The Aurorans missed many scoring chances in the next few minutes.

An Aurora lad, taking a shot on goal, was tripped by a Markhamite who was sprawled on the ice, and Referee Herb Holman called for a penalty shot. Folliott got the job, skated leisurely up the ice and flicked a fast one past the Markham goalie to break the score.

Aurora continued to press against the Markham defence and at last came the pay-off, with McGhee getting the credit. At this stage of the game the Markham goalie was saving about ten shots to the minute.

Markham continued its close-checking tactics, however, and even after pulling the goalie right out of the net, the Aurorans were unable to nab another goal.

Line-ups: Aurora: McGhee, goal; P. Knowles, Folliott, defence; Broughton, centre; McGhee, left wing; Crowder, right wing; Bone, Gibbons, defence alternates; Michinik, centre alternate; Cumming and Dunkin, alternates on left and right wing.

Markham: Schad, goal; Hood, Woodhead, defence; Lawrie, centre; Coburn, right wing; Morrish, left wing; Rainey, Duffel, Aikens, Keeler, Sabiston and Taylor, alternates.

W. C. T. U. SPEAKER IS KEPT BUSY

Miss Rosamond Duff, field secretary of the W. C. T. U. did triple duty as speaker here last week. On Tuesday afternoon she addressed the regular meeting of the W.C.T.U. held in the parlors of the United church.

On Monday afternoon she spoke to the public school pupils, when the awards were given in the temperance essay contest, in which 218 pupils entered, 65 receiving prizes. On Tuesday morning she spoke to pupils of Aurora high school.

Calendar

Members and friends of the Rebekah lodge will hold a euchre on Jan. 9.

A paid-in-advance subscription list means a better local newspaper.

Mayor, Deputy-Reeve Give
Aurora Arena Official
Opening

Opening ceremonies at the Aurora arena on Tuesday night saw Markham and Aurora teams lined up in centre ice with Mayor Dr. C. R. Boulding and Deputy-Reeve C. A. Malloy doing the honors.

Citing the record for clean play held by last year's club, the mayor asked for good sportsmanship to be continued this season. Charles Malloy, president of the club, who faced off the puck, expressed the thanks of the club and the fans, and thanked Bandmaster Roy De La Haye and members of the Citizens' band, as well as members of the fire department, for their help at the games.

Among the fans were seen Councillor George Baldwin and Reeve Bert Knowles, the latter with two sons on the Aurora line-up.

TWO STRONG TEAMS WILL VISIT AURORA FRIDAY AND TUESDAY

Runnymede and East York
Will Provide Plenty Of
Opposition

The next few days will be busy ones for the Aurorans. Tonight they visit Unionville to meet the East York team, and on Friday night Manager Bill West has arranged for them to meet the classy Runnymede squad in the Aurora arena.

Runnymede, always a good team, lived up to its reputation this year, by reaching the finals in the Toronto S. P. A. series at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Fans will have a chance to see Hugh Mair, Newmarket lad who starred at right wing for the Aurorans last year, and Doug Gillespie, Orangeville star, on the Runnymede Collegiate line-up here on Friday night.

Another home game will be played in Aurora on Tuesday night, when East York return here for a scheduled group tussle. East York who reached the group finals with Aurora last year, are rumored to be stronger than ever this season.

Most certainly they look to be the team to beat this year, and fans will have a good chance to learn the Aurorans' chances for league leadership on Tuesday night.

Tells How Milk Prices Are Fixed

A report that an exploring Aurora housewife had found a difference in milk prices in other districts, sent the reporter to a local dairyman for advice this week.

"The price of milk does vary in different districts," Archie Cousins told The Era. "It depends on what the producers are paid for their milk and on what grade of milk the regulations call for."

In Guelph, for example, regulations permit a lower grade of milk being sold than is sold in Aurora. The milk has less butterfat, and this may be reflected in a lower price in that district, Mr. Cousins intimated.

The country is divided into zones, The Era learned. In each zone, producers and dairies get together and decide on what price will be paid to the farmers for their milk. This price, of course, affects the price the householder has to pay for milk.

Representatives of the milk board sit in on each discussion, and once an agreement is reached, they see that the rules and regulations agreed upon are observed. After that the dairyman has no further say as to what he will pay for milk, and very little to say as to what it will be sold for, as the profit is not so much per bottle that it would permit the dairyman to lower it a cent and still stay in business, Mr. Cousins said.

If local dairies lowered their milk prices, therefore, it could only be done by obtaining an agreement with producers to accept less for their milk; it was stated.

"The youthful graduate from an agricultural college looked rather scornfully at the old farmer. 'Your methods of cultivation are hopelessly out of date,' he said with a superior air. 'Why, I'd be surprised if you got ten pounds of apples from that tree.' 'So would I,' replied the farmer. 'It's a pear tree.'"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. D. Barkey and Vera motored to Weston on Tuesday to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. G. Wilson spent Christmas day in Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Galbraith spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Galbraith, Macell Ave.

Mr. Wm. West spent the Christmas holiday at his home in London.

Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Boulding motored to London on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Lundy of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Carberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce VanLoon and Bill, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bugler and daughter of Newmarket spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoffman of Scarborough spent the holidays with Mr. Hoffman's parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hoffman.

Dr. and Mrs. "Curly" Underhill of Erie, Penn., Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Case and family of Toronto, all spent Christmas with Mrs. J. Stephenson, Centre St.

Mrs. J. T. Humphreys of New Bedford, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Anderson and sons spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Eade spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welsman in Toronto.

Miss Marjorie Foy, R.N., of Bancroft, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Foy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ward and daughter, Anne, of Lindsay, spent Christmas with the Grieves family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Boynton and son, John, of Newmarket, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. Boynton, Reuben St.

Mrs. John Ausman visited friends in Toronto during the holiday season.

Miss Bertha Wood spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Edward Teasdale, in St. Catharines.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grice motored to Bradford to have Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer.

Miss Doris Bain, R. N., of Gravenhurst, spent Christmas with Mrs. Henry Bain.

Mrs. C. Dunham spent Sunday with her niece, Mrs. J. Smith, in Queensville.

Miss C. Gibson of Toronto was a guest at the Fry home during the holidays.

Mrs. A. Conover of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bisette and John of Midland, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, Wells St.

Miss Mildred Walker of Toronto also spent Christmas at home.

Mrs. Alfred Andrews of Aurora and Dr. and Mrs. Frank Andrews of Texas spent Christmas at Barrie, with Mrs. Frank Andrews' people.

Mrs. J. Readman and Miss J. McLean spent Christmas with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson of Cobalt have been visiting Mr. J. Anderson, Wells St.

Miss Marjorie Wilkinson, R.N., of Hamilton spent Christmas with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryan of Maple and Miss Verna Bryan, R. N., of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. R. Bryan, Yonge St.

Miss Helen Baycroft of Guelph spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. H. J. Baycroft.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Smith and Beverley spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Patterson motored to Barrie on Monday.

Mrs. G. Miller spent the holiday with her daughter in Toronto.

Miss Ruth Patterson of London is the guest of Mrs. L. C. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Samson Watson have returned from a visit with Mrs. Watson's sisters in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bain and daughter, of Newmarket, and Miss Isobel McLean, of Toronto, were guests of Mrs. Sam Cook for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Linton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Legge of King.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas White of Toronto called on Mr. White's sisters, Mrs. J. Reynolds and Mrs. Langford, one day last week.

Mr. Melville Finlay spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alec Ferguson.

Mr. James McCloskey and granddaughter, of Winnipeg, Mrs. W. Buffam of Gloucester, and Mrs. Dean of Penetang, visited their mother, Mrs. M. McCloskey, Yonge St., during the holidays.

Mrs. Ferguson was happy to have her four daughter together during the holidays for the first time in some years. They met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green and daughter, Gwen, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Carolan and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Melville in Toronto.

Miss Vera Clarke left on Monday night to take a week's study course in young people's work.

Roland Hill is home from Wycliffe College for his holidays.

New Product Is Boast Of Aurora Dehydrating Firm

Company Believes Product
Will Be Good News
For Bakers

Good news for housewives is coming from the new dehydrating plant in Aurora, according to H. Swazely, manager of the new firm. The news should be good for bakers, too, for it comes in the form of yeast.

There are two forms of yeast. The Era learns, and while both give satisfaction, there are drawbacks in their use that are not apparent in the new form being experimented on in Aurora.

One form, the semi-moist type, works quickly, but keeping qualities. The hard, dry type keeps well, but with it bread must be started at night if it is to be baked the following day. If the temperature should change in the night, the dough might be spoiled.

The new form of yeast, now being experimented with in the Aurora plant, possesses good keeping qualities, and a farmer's wife could buy her winter's supply in the fall. And it has the quick-rising qualities of moist yeast.

One ounce of the yeast makes seven loaves, Mr. Swazely states, and he has been aided in his experiments by a local baker.

Newmarket, Aurora Meet To Organize Mercantile Hockey

Holman, Pattenden, Broome
Elected Officers Of
Aurora Group

Organization of mercantile, or "town league" hockey got under way on Wednesday night, with a meeting in the Aurora town hall of representatives of Newmarket and Aurora clubs.

Newmarket and Aurora will have separate leagues again this year with top teams meeting in the play-offs. Teams will be allowed two O. H. A. players, exclusive of a goalkeeper, who may also be an O. H. A. man. An O. H. A. player was described as one who had played more than two O. H. A. games this season.

Some disagreement might be found between Newmarket clubs as to the playing of O. H. A. men, it was suggested, and Newmarket will probably have control of their own clubs in this matter. Each team will be allowed to sign up 15 men.

League Specialty and Davis Leather will both have teams, and there is a possibility of a town team and a Mount Albert team entering in the Newmarket league also.

In Aurora Collis Leather and Oak Ridges will sponsor teams and these, with the town team and an entry sponsored jointly by the Aurora Cycle Club and the Factory Equipment company, will form the Aurora league.

Len Holman was named president of the Aurora section. President of the Newmarket group is George Haskett.

The Aurora group named Alvin Pattenden as its vice-president and Joe Broome as secretary-treasurer.

Snowball

Mr. Wm. Davison spent the weekend in Toronto.

Mr. Den. Shropshire and Mrs. Stonehouse spent Christmas at Schomberg with Mr. and Mrs. Stonehouse.

Miss Ruth Webb, Miss Rhoda Webb and Mrs. R. Wilson and son, John, were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. H. C. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haines and Howard spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Sharon.

Miss Orma Haines of Toronto spent Sunday and Monday with her grandmother, Mrs. T. K. Ferguson.

Mrs. Bennington and son, Arthur, of Newmarket, visited at the Ferguson home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haines and Charlene spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Keyes.

The public school Christmas concert was held in the school-house last Tuesday, Dec. 20. The children put on a splendid performance and it was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. West and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farren and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farren.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Green spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Carolan and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Melville in Toronto.

Miss Vera Clarke left on Monday night to take a week's study course in young people's work.

Roland Hill is home from Wycliffe College for his holidays.

HOLD SERVICE BY
LIGHT OF CANDLES

Eighty-one candles were used to light the Aurora United church at a special candle-light service held on Sunday evening.

CELEBRATE 35TH
WEDDING DATE

Town Clerk and Mrs. M. L. Andrews will celebrate the 35th anniversary of their wedding on Saturday.

WED FIFTY YEARS AGO,
CELEBRATE SATURDAY

Married 50 years ago in Oak Ridges by the Rev. M. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Linton will receive at their home on Catherine Ave. on Saturday afternoon and evening in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Linton farmed near Pickering for 20 years. Later they moved to Arcola, Sask., coming to Aurora eight years ago. Both are active members of the Aurora United church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stephenson, who, 50 years ago, were best man and bridesmaid for Mr. and Mrs. Linton, will be present at the celebration, and Mrs. Stephenson will assist in the receiving.

HOLD TRIPLE XMAS
CELEBRATION ON 25TH

Christmas day was three times celebrated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Southwood, Temperance St. First, of course, it was celebrated as Christmas day. Second, it was celebrated as the 24th anniversary of their wedding. And third, the day was celebrated as the birthday of their 14-year-old daughter, Marion.

ANNOUNCE W. C. T. U.
ESSAY WINNERS

Mrs. H. S. Baycroft, W.C.T.U. treasurer, has released the following list of prize-winners in the essay contest recently sponsored by the union:

Grade 8: Henry Westcott, Douglas Clark, Jean Patterson, Shirley Findlay, George Stone, Allan Jones, John Crysdale, Hazel Connor, George Morris, Garfield Doolittle, Dorothy Aldrich.

Grade 7: James Rowe, Howard Anderson, Dorothy Baker, Margaret Saigle, Eugene Baker, Shirley Saigle, Bernice Doolittle, David Ferguson, William Seaton, Vivian Neilly, Erma Morning, Sam Lipsky, Morris Cuthbertson.

Grade 6: Isobel Raeside, Howard Patrick, Jacqueline Thompson, Esther Knowles, Lillian Holman, Reva Buckindale, Doreen Bush, Melville Foster, John Klees, Edison Ash, Clifford Clubine, Ernest Ellis, Grace Willis.

Grade 6: (D. Babcock, teacher), Theodore Sutton, Harold McMain, John Palmer, Allan Cooper, Joan Horner, Audrey Sayer, Valencia McNaught, Constance Brodie, Dorothy Foote, James Willis.

Grade 5: Betty McKenzie, Philip Harrison, Marion Harmon, Marian Cook, Beverley Fleury, Billy Mundell, Barbara Cook, June Coleman, Donald Palmer, Helen Simpson, Clifford Bell, Douglas Watson, Cliff Walker, Isobel Hope, William Hill, Phillip Davidson.

Mr. Alvin Cunningham and family of Toronto were Christmas visitors at the home of Wm. Farren, Sr.

Miss Edna Morning of Toronto spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morning.

Mr. and Mrs. White and David of Toronto were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Badger entertained many friends and relatives on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMorris spent Sunday in Newmarket with Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown.

The Snowball euchre club will hold the next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mitchell on Friday evening, Jan. 6.

Romeo Mix'n

Sam held her hand and she held his'n. And then they hugged and went to kiz'n. They did not know her dad had riz'n. Madd'r than hops and simply siz'n. And really 'tix'n right to liz'n. But Sam got hix'n and went out whiz'n.

ABOUT TOWN

VOTE MONDAY

We offer our congratulations to the mayor and five members of council who will enter the service of the town by acclamation.

Aurora is fortunate in the type of men who are public-spirited enough to wish to work, without remuneration, for the town's welfare. We hope, when their term of office ends, that they will have found the work worth-while. We hope they will be able to work successfully and in a congenial spirit of co-operation.

All the electors have to do now is to decide upon their reeve and deputy-reeve, and we'll be squared away for the year.

Aurorans are quite capable, we believe, of using their own judgment. The men nominated are men who have lived here, and with whom the voters have rubbed shoulders for some time.

Voters will also be influenced by what was said at the nomination meeting on Friday night, a fairly accurate report of which is contained in this page. Not all that was said is reported, but enough, we hope, to do justice to each speaker.

One statement made concerning the arrears of the electric light department may be found confusing when compared to the figures contained in the town's financial report this year and in the report for the year preceding.

Reference to the financial statement of the town shows that electric light arrears, as at Dec. 14, 1937, were \$4,923.89. At a comparable time this year they had increased to \$5,151.05. This certainly does not warrant the optimistic view taken by the speaker, a member of the light department, who claimed a better collection record.

Perhaps it would be more fair to remember that relief, water and light account collections all depend on conditions. And conditions in Aurora have not been as good as they might be.

LOST

"Toby," the black and white cocker spaniel that has escorted the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Walker to school each day for years past, has been reported missing since last Monday.

It is thought unlikely that the dog would have strayed and some fears are felt that it may have been stolen. Anyone who may have seen the dog is urged to get in touch with Mrs. Walker, as the dog, a firm friend of the children for the past five years, is much missed by them.

-J. F. W.

GET ACCLAMATION

W. A. Cody, D. J. Webster and J. F. Willis are the three new members of the public school board, as the result of acclamations received at the nomination meeting held in Mechanics' hall on Friday evening.

E. GWILLIMBURY TRIES TO
GET WORK FOR JOBLESS

The reeve, deputy-reeve and the road superintendent were appointed a committee to interview the department of highways and the county engineer, for the purpose of getting work for the unemployed, at the regular meeting of East Gwillimbury township council in Sharon, on Dec. 15.

The treasurer was asked to pay the school boards half the general and section levies on Dec. 20, county \$11,010.44, high school \$5,304.81, and the balance in April.

A grant of \$50 was made to the Central Ontario Highway Association. Dog taxes were refunded to Byron Cunningham, \$2, and Fred Franklin, \$2, due to errors in assessment.

The following accounts were paid: Mrs. Evans, care of hall, \$25; Mrs. C. Bellar, nursing, \$17.25; Toronto General hospital, \$1.50; treasurer, County of York, hospitalization, \$93.70; Stuart Travels, weed inspection, \$14; J. E. Jardine, balliff fees, \$5.

Registration of births, deaths, and marriages, \$24.25; J. S. Osborne, salary, \$120; Alan Shaw, salary, \$120; Walter Proctor, salary, \$120; George Pearson, salary, \$120; L. J. Farr, re indigent, \$5; W. A. Brunton and Co., office supplies, \$4.99; Mrs. Scott, delivering tax bills, \$1.30; J. S. Osborne, signing cheques, \$10; George Pearson, signing cheques, \$10.

Relief accounts: department of public welfare, city of Toronto, \$464.03; township of Innisfil, \$89.07.

Road accounts, grading, \$40.65; culvert repairs, \$25.25; resurfacing, \$40.80; supplies, \$9.57; ditching, \$47; stamps, \$8; snow fences, \$363.14; freight, \$1.10; salt, \$23.54.

Legge, Farr Oppose Knowles And Malloy

Reeve, Deputy-Reeveships
Are Only Offices
Contested

Dr. C. R. Boulding will enter his seventh year as mayor of Aurora by acclamation, as a result of the nominations held in Mechanics' hall on Friday night.

Of the nine nominees for council, four declined, and Dr. E. J. Henderson, C. E. Sparks, John Stuart, Ross Linton, and A. J. G. Wilson take their positions without a struggle.

The reeve and deputy-reeveships will be contested, however, with Thomas Legge running against J. A. Knowles and L. K. Farr in the field with C. A. Malloy.

Town Clerk M. L. Andrews, chairman of the meeting, called on the mayor to speak first. Dr. Boulding summarized the work of the year. He named the events of the town's jubilee year and spoke of the fine record of the bowling, tennis, hockey and softball clubs.

EVERSLEY MR. AND MRS. J. WADE MARK 50 YEARS WED

Eversley and King city churches begin the year with a week of prayer beginning on Tuesday evening in the United church with Rev. M. E. Burch, M.A., as preacher; Wednesday evening at Eversley Presbyterian church, Rev. J. Galloway, preacher; Thursday evening in the Baptist church with Rev. D. G. Davis as preacher.

The final meeting will be held in the Anglican church on Friday evening, with the rector, Rev. E. W. G. Worrall in charge with Rev. R. S. Rayson, M.A., B.D., S.T.B., rector of St. Mark's, West Toronto, as special speaker. All services begin at 8 p.m. and there will be no collection at any service.

In former years these services have been very inspiring and of a high order, and the spirit of unity between churches has drawn all closer together. It is suggested letting the eulogies and dances go and coming to prayer meeting.

Eversley Young People's met at the home of Mr. A. Jones on Monday night. The attendance was small. The program was "Loyalty." Edith Bovaird read the passages of scripture. Rev. M. E. Burch gave the address, and the Misses Annie and Ethel Ferguson contributed a solo with Ethel at the organ. Much business was discussed.

An event of vast importance to the Wade and Moodie families was the celebration of their golden wedding by Mr. and Mrs. John Wade at their home on the third of King, Dufferin St. south. Fifty years ago on Dec. 24, John Wade and Eliza Moodie were united in wedlock by the late Rev. Dr. James Carmichael, at the manse. They have never travelled very far, except when Mrs. Wade went west to visit her daughter, Ethel, Mrs. Will Tennyson in Saskatchewan.

Often it seems that the finger of fate has something to do with people moving into a new neighborhood. Over 50 years ago, Frank Moodie rented the farm below Wades, now occupied by Bert Cadden. His sister Eliza came with him to keep house.

The Moodie family lived near Newmarket, on one of Sir Wm. Mulock's farms, facing the Gamble road. Soon the young people of the Wade family and the Moodie young people became friends. As a consequence, John Wade married Eliza Moodie. Sarah Wade married Frank Moodie and later William Frank, nephew of the Wades, who grew up in the family, married another Moodie sister. So the two families are closely related.

When first married, John Wade and his wife lived on the farm where Frank and Eliza Moodie had lived. Later they lived on the Wade homestead, built a new house to replace the squared log house, and have made good by hard work, careful management and shrewd business ability.

They have four children, Ethel, Mrs. Will Tennyson, came east for the winter and with her husband is living in their home on Gorham St., Newmarket, till time to return west.

The second daughter, Laura, Mrs. Ollie Legge, lives in Toronto and with her husband and daughter, Rheva, and son, Jack, were at the golden wedding celebration on Tuesday evening. Flossie, the third daughter, is Mrs. Scott Bovaird, who with Scott and their daughter, Verna, helped to celebrate the great occasion. Their only son, Aubrey, lives at home with his parents, with his wife and young son, Norman.

So, they celebrated the golden wedding a few days ahead of time, on Tuesday, Dec. 20, by having over 50 of the family as guests for the evening.

Will Lane and Mrs. Lane, from Andrew St., Newmarket, and the married daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moodie; Mrs. Wade's brother, Albert Moodie, and sister, Mrs. Chappell, of the corner of Yonge and Eagle St., were there from Newmarket.

From Maple, Mrs. Philip Wade, and her son, Eldon, wife and family, Mr. and Mrs. Forbear and Mrs. Monkmann from Toronto.

It was a great occasion and gifts and flowers were presented to the happy couple, who have lived together in perfect harmony, a good team, all these years. May they continue to enjoy life surrounded with children and friends.

Era printing is neat.

POTTAGEVILLE CONGREGATION LIGHT CANDLES AT SERVICE

The Christmas service of the United church held Dec. 23, was the first service since the installation of electric light. The minister, Rev. W. J. Burton, dedicated the service and lights to Jesus Christ, "the light of the world." He also thanked the young people under the leadership of Wesley Reid and others, whose efforts made this possible. He happily stated the lights were free of debt.

The sermon, "A Christmas Story," was quite original, having carols sung in between parts by the choir, with the leader, Mrs. A. Archibald, at the piano.

Candles were distributed to all, and with the singing of the last hymn were lighted to be carried home as a symbol. "So let your light shine before all men."

This closed an interesting and unique service. The church was prettily decorated, with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hilborn of Kettleby.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. West and family spent Christmas day with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Meitinen and daughter, Seignie, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Ollikainen.

Miss Helen Ollikainen is spending Christmas week in Toronto.

Mrs. Sparling of Schomberg is spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Archibald.

Mr. W. Butler spent Thursday and Friday in the city. Miss Dorreen Funnell is spending the Christmas week with her parents and brother.

Mrs. H. Cutting is home for Christmas.

Mrs. Geo. Smith has returned from the city.

VICTORIA SQUARE HOLD SHORT COURSE AT VICTORIA SQUARE

Merry Christmas has come and gone once more. The community is fortunate in not having any families in circumstances that would not permit them to enjoy it to the full, apart from a few mild cases of flu. And as Tiny Tim might say, "God did Bless Every-one."

The annual Sunday-school Christmas concert on Friday night was a decided success. The children entered heartily into the various numbers presented and were a real credit to themselves and their teachers. A good crowd was on hand to hear them. A voluntary offering resulted in the receipt of approximately \$20 for the Sunday-school work.

Messrs. John and Isaac Williamson of Pickering College, Newmarket and Miss Luella Heise and Mr. Louis Heise of the Bible College at Grantham, Penn., are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Miss Poole and Miss Bacon, two local school teachers, are spending the Christmas vacation at their respective homes.

Miss Myrtle Avison was able to be at home for the Christmas season and is almost fully recovered from her recent illness.

Of special interest to all members of the Junior Farmer clubs and Junior Institutes is the 28th annual short course in agriculture and home economics, to be held in the Victoria Square community hall and church basement respectively, from Jan. 3 to 27.

The courses will be conducted by the York county branch of the Ontario department of agriculture, of which W. M. Cockburn, B.S.A., Newmarket, is the agricultural representative.

Mr. Cockburn will be assisted by F. D. Willows, B.S.A., of Lyn, Ont., Miss Cora Lush, Milton, and Miss Ann Scott, of Nottawa. These courses are organized in the interests of the home, the farm and the community. They serve not only to give instruction to the students, but provide experience, contacts, and a training obtained through class and club activities that are of great value.

The Victoria Square clubs are very happy indeed to play host to the Junior Farmers and ladies of York county during the period of the courses. It is hoped that many acquaintances will be made, and friendships formed and that the individual and the community will be bettered by the united efforts of all concerned. Further information may be obtained from the agricultural representative.

The Y.P.S. on Sunday evening was under the leadership of Fraser Gee. Appropriate Christmas readings were given by Beatrice Frisby and Isaac Williamson.

The hymn, "Holy Night," was beautifully sung by Mrs. Murray Avison. Miss Jean Macdonald read Henry Van Dyke's beautiful story "The Other Wise Man."

Rev. and Mrs. John Macdonald and family spent Christmas Monday at the home of Mrs. Macdonald's parents at Grimsby.

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, the choral club will go into rehearsal and are planning to present both a sacred concert, and the modern play, "The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet," in the early spring. This program will be in the charge of a committee composed of Mrs. H. D. McCague and Harvey Collard and Boyd Mount.

Schomberg

Mrs. M. E. Perry and son, Fred Perry, of Kingston, spent Christmas and several days with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Waitehouse and Miss G. Antey. Mr. Fred Perry is a student in metallurgy at Queen's University. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sutton and small daughter, Marilyn, of Sudbury, spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutton and

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marchant. Mr. Ken Sutton of Sudbury was also with his parents and family for the Christmas holiday. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGowan were with friends in Toronto for Christmas Day. Mrs. E. Carter and son, Lorne, accompanied them. Miss E. Bond of Toronto had Christmas dinner on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Marchant. Other guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Marchant for the family party on Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Marchant and family, Weston; Mr. and Mrs. C. Marchant and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Marchant, Sr., and Mrs. Stevenson of Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lloyd and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Moss and daughter, Derenda, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Moss in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stuckey were with friends in Toronto for the holiday.

Miss Doris Kinch spent Christmas with her parents in Guelph. The community Christmas tree and treat took place around the lighted tree on Friday night last. Santa Claus arrived in a cutter and with his usual hearty manner distributed bags of candy to all the children present.

The local clergy also spoke and led in the carol singing.

Miss Margaret Abbott of Haverhill College is home at the rectory for the Christmas holiday.

Vandorf

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brammer and three children, of Newmarket, were Christmas visitors of Mrs. Brammer's sister, Mrs. John Petch and Mr. Petch.

Mr. George Dewsbury returned to Markstay on Tuesday after spending a week at his home here. He, with his parents and sister, spent Christmas Day at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. A. G. Snider and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Scott attended the family reunion in Aurora on Monday at the home of Mrs. Anderson.

Guests of Mr. N. D. Richardson and family on Sunday were his sisters, Miss L. Richardson and Miss M. Richardson of Newmarket, his daughter, Mrs. Grant Mayor, Mr. Mayor and Neal and Byron of Newton Robinson.

Miss Bernice Switzer of Toronto was at home for Christmas. Miss Mary McDonald of Loring is spending the holidays with her parents and sisters. Miss Flora McDonald of Toronto was at home for the holiday weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Miss Marjorie Harper and Mr. Clarence Hughes of Toronto were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald and family on Monday.

Miss Eulaline Kingdon, of Thistleton, and Miss Norma Kingdon of Hope are holidaying at home.

There was a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Cornelius Dike on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver, Miss Ruth Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sproston celebrated Christmas with other relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Ellis in Aurora on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Allin and children, Murray and Shirley, visited Mr. and Mrs. Percy Allin, in Aurora, on Monday.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. Percy Allin and other members of his family in the loss of their brother, Alfred, who died at his home in Regina more than a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Carr and family visited relatives at Gormley on Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Covey and son of Toronto were Christmas visitors with Mrs. Covey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morley, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morley.

Miss Lettie Atkinson, of Aurora spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Roy Morley and Mr. Morley.

Miss McLennan is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister at Ethel.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carr and Mabel on Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carr, Mr. Harry Lavendar, Miss Della Krachling of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Brillinger and family of White Horse and Mrs. McGilivray of Elgin Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Preston visited their daughter at Queensville on Monday.

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Hambly of S. S. 12, Palmer Barton of S. S. 11, on the success of their Christmas concerts, which were presented in the parish hall on Wednesday night of last week.

Miss Norma Armstrong of Newmarket was the weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Armstrong.

The A.Y.P.A. of Christ church held a Christmas party last Tuesday night. The United and Baptist churches were well represented, showing a fine Christmas spirit. After a short business session, a suitable program was given, after which refreshments were served.

A combined Christmas concert, given by the three school sections of the district, Nos. 6, 11 and 12, held in the parish hall, was a marked success. R. Marshall made a competent chairman. The teachers, Miss Hambly, Mr. Shore and Mr. Barton deserve credit for their efforts.

Miss Greta Rogers of Newmarket spent Christmas Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Harold Murray. Misses Wilma and Lois Burton of Toronto are spending the holidays at their home here.

Misses Bessie and Margaret Brown of Newmarket were home for Christmas.

Mrs. Clapson and Miss Jean spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Clapson's daughter, near Orillia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. James of Toronto spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. West.

Mrs. T. Mount, who has been quite ill, is improving.

Kettleby, Dec. 20.—A special Christmas service will be held in the United church Christmas night.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Woods, held from her residence near Snowball on Monday, was largely attended. Rev. W. J. Burton conducted the service, assisted by Rev. J. H. Holmes, a former pastor.

The Schomberg and district ex-servicemen's association held a regional meeting in Blackford's hall Thursday evening. Ed. Williams was in charge. Matters pertaining to the new organization were carefully considered.

The Women's Institute held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Chas. West on Thursday. Rev. W. J. Burton gave an interesting address on the value of right thinking.

King township council held the final meeting for the year at the parish hall last Thursday.

A sale of miscellaneous articles and household contents, the property of the late Mrs. Sarah McGill, was held last Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Prentiss suffered an arm injury Sunday.

An old-time dance was held in Blackford's hall Friday night and was enjoyed by both old and young.

SANDFORD
FIFTEEN JOIN CHURCH,
THREE ARE BAPTIZED

A very interesting Christmas service at the United church was

held last Sunday. The choir rendered special music. "Good tidings for you and for all" was the topic of the sermon.

Rev. Mr. Murray referred to world conditions, which are taking the joy out of life for many people due in a large measure to turning a deaf ear to the "Good tidings of great joy in Christ Jesus."

Three children were baptized. Fifteen were received into the membership of the church on profession of their faith in Christ. It was inspiring to see the young people making this response to the great decision, after a series of short addresses on "What it means to unite with the church."

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AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

By GOLDEN GLOW

Ever so many I have talked with this year think this has been one of the very nicest Christmases we have had for ever so long, and somehow to me it seems so too. There seemed to be quite a different atmosphere pervading everything. To start with, we surely had perfect weather—just enough snow to make it a "white" Christmas, and it was mild enough to be pleasant. I am not going to refer to the "aftermath," the snow-storm that struck us Monday evening, the day after Christmas. It was the plastery kind of snow that made traffic next to impossible, and I fear caused grave inconvenience to many. Christmas coming on Sunday meant full churches beautifully decorated for the festive occasion. There were wonderful programs over the air. There were family gatherings in many homes, and I hear there never were so many Christmas cards sent.

All it lacked to make it a real old-time Christmas was the sleigh bells on Santa Claus's sleigh with his prancing reindeer. If we are honest and own up to the truth—and they say that "honest confession is good for the soul," we'll tell on ourselves how that when we were youngsters we never could understand how good St. Nick and his reindeer and sleigh didn't slide off our steep roofs. Also we used to wonder with amazement how so plump a person as Santa could possibly get down our chimneys. To those of us who had fire-places, it wasn't quite so bad, but those places where they had only stove-pipes—oh dear!—but it was evident he did manage it somehow, for there were the well-filled bulgy stockings as proof. Yes, how those stockings did bulge! They did assume the most ridiculous shapes, but oh what wonders they did contain! And, as you know, fire-places are becoming more popular, now, with hot-water heating, oil furnaces and all the other modern methods of warming our houses—so once more Santa Claus will find the row of stockings hanging on the mantel when he comes down the chimney.

Christmas decorations were never more beautiful than they have been this year. All the good things we look for and enjoy at Christmas seem to have been more plentiful, turkey with plenty of dressing and gravy, extra good vegetables, cranberries that never were redder, never such crisp celery, grown, too, right here on the Holland Marsh, such mince pies and plum pudding with the nuts and raisins and the striped sugar canes, without which no Christmas would be complete. A table set for Christmas with its gleaming silver, linen and crystal can look so much more attractive at Christmas than at any other time, with its rosy decorations and its holly—the red and green of Christmas blending so well.

This week we will miss the radio programs of the past week—the carols—and the daily carillon from the Metropolitan church, Toronto. But it surely has been a most satisfying, old-fashioned Christmas and the memory of it should last till another comes.

And now we are looking forward to New Year's and to all that it means for us all in the coming months ahead. We feel Christmas still in the air all this week, but next Tuesday marks the end, so far as the holidays are concerned, and we must settle down to another year, a new year, and say to ourselves, "well, it was a lovely Christmas, it's all over, but 'Christmas is coming!'" I am sure we are all, every one of us, better for it, and we will have glad memories of Christmas, 1938. While here in Canada we had the weather exactly suitable for our Christmas, they seem to have had a real old-fashioned Christmas in England, according to Charles Dickens in "Pickwick Papers," snow and cold that are not usual over there.

It does seem rather callous, perhaps, for us here to have enjoyed so much at Christmas, while in Spain and China there was bitter fighting. It is hard to reconcile it with the peace we enjoy. Let us wish them all, as well as ourselves, a very Happy New Year.

Voice Of Progress

By ANDREW HEBB

Fortunate are those of us who can feel that our economic interests are the interests of the great majority of our fellow countrymen, and that in working for our own interests we may still have that sustaining feeling of social righteousness. Nevertheless, it does not do not to recognize that there are those whose interests do conflict with the interests of the majority. It is not that they could not find common interests with us all, but that they choose to put first interests which conflict, and to that extent they represent reaction rather than social progress.

Just like the rest of us, these folks believe that their interests are the interests of everybody, and because they so manifestly believe in themselves they too often convince us that they are right. Their belief in themselves and their confident opinions, inspiring our confidence, coupled with an economic power out of proportion to their numbers, usually prevail. It is true that this is a democracy, and that we have far more votes than they, but all our votes avail us nothing when we do not recognize reaction, which presents itself as a friend, and ever in a new disguise.

Give us the power to recognize reaction. Every time we read critically an article or a book on an economic problem, every time we argue an economic question with a neighbor, we are developing our power to distinguish between reaction and progress. And of course there is always room for honest difference of opinion as to what is progress and what reaction.

Let us consider two of the latest manifestations of reaction. First is the campaign being waged against the increase in government services or, as some may wish to look at it, the increase in taxation. Quite a few prominent persons have taken up this cry, and one newspaper exponent of this explanation of man's economic ills says: "Governments in Canada are appropriating about one-quarter of all the people earn for administration and the maintenance of services, and besides have plunged the country into debt exceeding \$7,000,000,000. The remaining 75 cents out of each dollar is available for family upkeep, personal needs, engaging help, buying homes, starting new business enterprises or expanding old ones. Is it a fair break?"

A campaign against government extravagance, that is, the wasting of money, would be much to be commended, but a blind campaign against the total of government expenditures is a different matter. This campaign does not venture to specify how money is to be saved, what services are to be reduced or discontinued. This campaign is against government in business, regardless of whether government can perform the services more cheaply than private enterprise. This campaign takes no

account of whether the increased "taxes" it deplores represent more postage stamps sold and more letters carried or more hydro-electric power sold or the cost of administering marketing legislation. In short, this campaign takes no account of whether the taxes are reasonable payment for services rendered.

In a "series of 21 brief analytical articles" there was no analysis of the debt of \$7,000,000,000, already referred to, how much of it represents federal war debt, incurred by a government with public approval, or how much of it represents real assets such as schools, libraries, public buildings, pavements, public utilities. There is no explanation that some members of the community, well able to do so, pay considerably more than 50 cents in taxes out of each dollar they earn and that therefore some of us must pay less than the 25 cents mentioned. And, as already said, there is no explanation of how much of that 15 or 20 cents we pay is for postage stamps, use of highways (gasoline and motor license taxes), or for electricity or water, or for old-age pensions and mother's allowances.

The voice is the voice of progress, but the hand is the hand of reaction, wanting a reduction in income taxes and succession duties and the discontinuance of "non-essential services." Governments are still to have "funds for essential services such as protection, health and education." And here is a second manifestation of reaction, in the growing demand, given a great impetus by the recent war crisis, for "protection" or armaments. Armaments are not in the interests of the majority. They mean war, and war means profits for the few and tragedy for the many. How can we have increased armaments and decreased taxation and still have progress?

VIRGINIA

L. COCKBURN WILL BE NEW GEORGINA REEVE

A large number from here attended the nomination meeting in Pefferlaw last Monday. Warden R. H. Corner of Pefferlaw is not running again for Georgina reeve and his place will be filled for the coming year by Les. Cockburn of Egypt. One of the local young men, John Lavolette, was appointed councillor. Congratulations are extended to John. There will be no election this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cronsberry are spending a few days in Uxbridge visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. Gould and Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Crosby.

Some from here attended the Christmas concert in Egypt last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCrae and family of Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McCrae and family of Beaverton and Misses Cordella and Viola Lavolette of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. N.

Lavolette.

Nearly all in this district attended the Christmas concert last Wednesday evening in the public school.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rae spent Christmas with Mrs. Rae's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kay in Cedar Brae.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Evans and Miss Frances Evans motored to Oshawa to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Christian last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moberly Matt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arnold, Mr. Frank Arnold, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Burgess and family of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Arnold and family.

Charlie Taylor, who has been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cronsberry, is spending the holidays with his parents in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McMaster of Angus spent Sunday with Mrs. McMaster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Evans.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Watt on the arrival of a baby girl.

Misses Helen and Mary O'Neil of Toronto spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Horner, Mrs. G. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Lyall and family were visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horner's on Sunday.

Mrs. Lyall and daughter, Elcanor, of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nolan over the week-

end. Miss Helen Cronsberry of Oshawa and Miss Vera Cronsberry of Sutton were home with their parents on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cockburn and family of Oshawa spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Andrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rae spent Christmas with their son, Mr. Elymer Rae.

Mrs. F. Lyons and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, in Sutton, while Mrs. J. Lyons spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. L. Chapelle, also in Sutton.

Miss Gertrude Matt, who has been employed in Toronto, returned home last week.

KILLED WHILE HUNTING

Another of several Christmas season tragedies in this district, took place last Friday afternoon, when 16-year-old Gordon Banting of Bradford was killed when a gun misfired and blew the top of his head off.

Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Banting, was hunting with his brother William, 18, near Bond Head. The older boy pulled the trigger of the gun twice, and the hammer clicked on the dead shell. A moment later the shell exploded, killing the younger boy.

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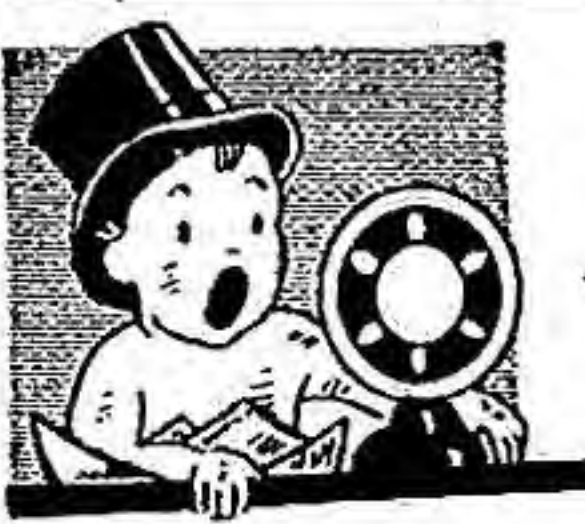
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This year, over \$83,000.00 is needed. That means over ten thousand donations if they were to average \$8.00 each—or over twenty thousand averaging \$4.00. Certainly, a staggering total! So, please make your gift as large as you possibly can. If you cannot afford more—remember that even a dollar bill helps pay for the care of somebody's baby.

Kindly mail your donation to the Appeal Secretary, 67 College Street, Toronto. We cannot afford to use any of our much-needed revenue for canvassers or other organized effort to collect money.

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MOUNT ALBERT POLICE TRUSTEES ARE RE-ELECTED

The choir of the United church is holding a concert in the town hall on Wednesday, Jan. 4, when Uxbridge Young People will put on a play, "Too Many Bosses." Everyone is urged not to miss this, as it will be one of the events of the season.

At the nomination for police trustees on Monday evening, the retiring trustees were re-elected, as no one cared to cause an election. Messrs. Mainprize, Robertson and Walker will continue on.

Many people would rather way to the services in the United church on Christmas Day, when Rev. R. V. Wilson gave a Christmas message and in the evening showed pictures to illustrate his talk to the children and grown-ups.

John Ross presided at the organ in the morning and Mrs. Couper in the evening, and special Christmas music was rendered by the choir. Mrs. Marie Lyons helping them at the morning service.

Dr. Jas. Hamilton of New York state was at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. Crowle, for Christmas.

Mrs. P. Eaelius of Toronto spent Christmas with her aunts, the Misses Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash and daughter were visitors at the home of Mrs. Nash's sister, Mrs. W. L. Carruthers, on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carruthers of Stayner have come to spend the winter with their son, Dr. Carruthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Leech and family of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Couper, Jimmie and Beverly Ann, spent Christmas with friends at Maple.

Dr. Arnold of Halesbury and Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold.

Mrs. Clements of Peterboro is a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. Blyth. Mr. and Mrs. T. Nesbitt and Mr. Geo. Bahmer spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. S. Pegg, Keswick.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Broad of Kenora, Winnipeg, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lyons and Mr. Harry Draper of Newmarket, and Mr. Bernard Draper of Toronto, spent the weekend at their home in town.

MOUNT ALBERT MOUNT ALBERT GIRL IS CHRISTMAS BRIDE

At a quiet house ceremony on Christmas Day, Mildred Irene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Franklin of Mount Albert, became the bride of Robert Leslie Broad, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Broad, Kenora. Rev. R. V. Wilson officiated and Miss Doris Draper played the wedding march.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Kathleen, and the groom was attended by Mr. Morley Case. Mr. and Mrs. Broad will reside in Toronto.

Mount Albert

The concert held in the church on Wednesday evening of last week, by pupils of the Sunday and public schools, was very well attended and a pleasant evening was had by all, each one enjoying very much the

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EPH. 2:2—JAMES 1:14-15; 4:7—MATH. 16:23—HEB. 2:14

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THE BLUE SEALED ENVELOPE

By ALBERT W. TOLMAN

"Faster, Felipe!" Vincent Page, head clerk for Major Wesley Stoneham, paymaster of the Flores River Dam Company, was hurrying along a crooked path through the rank green Central American jungle behind his young native guide, with the small black spider monkey perched on his shoulder. The afternoon sky was dark with threatening clouds.

Vincent was thinking anxiously about Clifford Somerby, who had been digging for weeks at the ruined temple of Moylan, ten miles off in the wilderness. Clifford never would call for help unless something was really the matter. He must be down with fever.

Twenty miles out and back! A stiff jaunt over jungle trails! "Got to make time," thought Vincent.

He must be back in San Pedro that night for two very good reasons: first, Major Wesley Stoneham; second and by far the more important, the major's niece, Opal, due on the "Mazurian" tomorrow. In Vincent's inside pocket was the letter saying that Opal was coming on the Caribbean cruise; there was also a blue sealed envelope.

On Vincent and his guide hurried through the moist, heavy air. Suddenly they came out on a bluff. Felipe halted, and gestured dramatically. "Senor, behold! The river!"

Below in a deep rocky canyon the Flores, narrow and swift, foamed over a roaring fall. High above it swayed a frail footway of wooden crosspieces, swung from two weather-worn cables.

A rumble of thunder, a blaze of lightning and down came a torrent of rain, mingled with hail. Vincent was glad to take shelter under a big tree. In a minute he was not so glad.

He looked about. Felipe was nowhere to be seen. "Now what—" Suddenly, as though sprung from the ground, a dozen natives, with guns and machetes, closed in around the young American. Hands gripped his arms, legs, and neck. Although taken completely by surprise he put up a valiant but fruitless fight, knocking down three or four of his assailants. A dozen, however, were too many. They swarmed over him like ants, pulled him down, took away his pistol. Soon he was absolutely in their power.

At 23 Vincent Page had come down to San Pedro to take a position in the office of the construction company building the huge hydro-electric dam at the mouth of the Flores River. The first time he saw his superior, Major Wesley Stoneham, he feared they were not going to get along together. That was unfortunate, for the major was Opal's uncle, and it was her father, Elbert Stoneham, who had secured Vincent his place.

From the start relations in the paymaster's office were strained. Stoneham, an ex-army officer, militarily neat and precise, was something of a martinet. Vincent, ing in Zephyr school.

Hope

Among the Christmas Sunday guests at Mr. Geo. Micks' were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gordon and family of Ravenshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Micks and family of Queensville, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Micks and family and Mr. Jack Evans, Sharon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rye and family, Queensville, Mr. Thomas Swain, and Mr. and Mrs. Elias Gibson, Master Verne, and Miss Amy Gibson spent Christmas Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Gibson.

Mr. Joshua Stickwood, Misses Lydia and Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Morton, Donald and Ira, of Bogartown, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. Stickwood.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pegg and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and baby, Gordon, Mr. W. Foster, Mrs. O. Stickwood, Blanche and Raymond, were among the Sunday guests at Mrs. A. Trivett's, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boyd spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stickwood.

Among the Monday guests at the Mount home were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fry, Newmarket, Beverly Mount and Vernon Mount, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Potage and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Boyd, Mrs. Robert Stickwood and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Longhurst of Mount Albert, motored to Orillia to Mrs. Charles Boyd's on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dike and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ganton and Donny spent Monday at Mr. Howard Dike's, Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pegg, and family and Mr. and Mrs. T. Dunham and baby, spent Monday at the Fairbairn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Auley Brenair and family, Mrs. M. Tansley, Miss Lottie Tansley, Mr. Herb. Tansley and Murray, spent Monday in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tansley.

Mrs. Gray of Ballantrane is spending a few days with Mrs. M. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Broderick, Mrs. M. Hall and Mrs. Gray spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broderick and Mr. Broderick, Sr., Mt. Albert, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Broderick.

Mr. and Mrs. Everton Pegg, Verne and Lowell, spent Christmas in Sharon with Mr. and Mrs. W. Fountain.

rather happy-go-lucky, was a trifle slack and careless. Friction soon developed between the two.

The first few days Vincent was two or three minutes late, but he soon corrected that. Every morning when he came in, he could see the major glance at the clock, and then could feel him looking him over from head to foot, to see if his hair was combed, his tie straight, his clothes brushed, his boots blacked. This scrutiny greatly annoyed Vincent.

One morning he found his desk put in precise order, and recognized the major's hand. At first it made Vincent angry; but after thinking the matter over, he determined to take Stoneham as a good, although rather bitter, tonic.

Life settled down to a kind of contest between them, Vincent trying to do everything so well that his chief would not have the slightest excuse for finding fault. He wanted to do a good job; and he needed the money to send home to help his sister, Olive, through college. He felt unpleasantly conscious, however, that the major was still dissatisfied; and a fear grew in his mind that at any time he might be discharged.

The country was in an unsettled state, a large part of the people being opposed to the present government. In the north Arturo Mendez, the revolutionary chief, was constantly growing stronger. He had many adherents in San Pedro.

That morning the New Orleans steamer had brought its fortnightly ten thousand dollars for the Flores pay roll, which had been put in the company safe. Stoneham and Vincent were the only ones who had the combination.

Only a week before the major had discharged a native clerk, Gaspar Majada, for a trifling mistake. Vincent was sorry, for he had liked Gaspar. Also, it made him more uneasy on his own account. That afternoon was his regular half day off. While he had been lunching on fruit and crackers at his boarding house, Gaspar's brother, Felipe, a slim barefooted boy of 16, had come to the house with his monkey. "I am from Moylan, Senor Somerby has discovered something, and wishes you to come at once. Besides, he is very ill."

Vincent did not hesitate. Clifford Somerby was his best friend. Cramming the remains of his lunch into his pocket, he took a flashlight and followed Felipe. Less than an hour later he had been captured by the natives.

For a moment everybody stood still. Vincent realized now that Felipe's message was a blind. Somerby had not sent for him. Why, however, had Vincent been kidnapped?

"Forward!" The party turned toward the bridge. Swinging frail and slender above the holling river, it looked hardly strong enough to bear a monkey. One at a time the troop started across. When six had reached the other side, the leader turned to the prisoner and pointed. To refuse to go was useless.

The journey across the swaying creaking span above the furious river was perilous, but at last Vincent reached the opposite bluff, and the remaining natives followed him. Into the jungle they plunged, followed a well defined trail through the drenching rain.

After an hour's brisk tramp, they were challenged sharply by a sentry. "Who goes there? Halt!" In a little clearing Vincent saw a group of men about a smoky fire before the ruins of an old temple. One, taller and lighter-complexioned than his companions, wore a military uniform. His flashing eyes were set in a rather stern face, and he had an air of command. By his side, to Vincent's tremendous surprise, stood his former fellow clerk, Gaspar Majada!

Anger battled with wonder in Vincent's brain. "Why have I been brought here, Gaspar?" demanded the young American. "There must be some mistake."

"There is no mistake," replied the young native.

The chief spoke a few quick decided words to him; he listened obsequiously, then turned again to Vincent. "I am acting under the orders of our Republican leader, Senor Arturo Mendez," he bowed to the tall man. "We have net your ransom at ten thousand dollars!"

Despite his captivity Vincent almost laughed. Ten thousand dollars! For him! "I haven't it. And nobody would ever pay so much for me!"

"We know that. But we are going to give you a chance to earn it. That amount lies in the Flores Company's safe. The revolution needs it for arms and ammunition. You will tell me the combination of the safe, and we will go tonight to get the money. As soon as we are safely back, you will be freed."

Vincent did not answer. Again Gaspar spoke. "You love your country. I love mine as much. She is in the grip of a tyrant. We are going to free her from his yoke. Help us to do so."

Still Vincent remained silent. Gaspar was gnawing his lip in impatience. The chief spoke to him again, and again he addressed the prisoner. "Come now! We will buy the combination for a thousand dollars. Why go back to San Pedro? We will help you out of the country. What better could you ask?"

"No, I can't do it."

A threatening murmur rose from the rebel group. Mendez fingered his automatic, scowling blackly.

Gaspar drew Vincent hurriedly aside. "Don't be an idiot! Mendez wants the money badly, and is determined to have it."

"What good would it do if I told you?" asked Vincent. "There is always a watchman at the office."

"We have planned everything. He will be surprised and overpowered. The electric wires will be cut, and the whole town plunged into darkness. The storm, too, will help."

Vincent shook his head. "I don't know the combination."

Gaspar flushed with anger. "That is a lie! We can force it from you if you will not tell willingly. But I wish to save you from harsh treatment."

Vincent set his jaw stubbornly. Gaspar's face hardened. The native glanced toward the scowling chief with a gesture of defeat, and the latter took charge of matters. He strode forward, scowling.

"You will not tell? Very well, then! Search him!" was the harsh command.

Two of the men seized Vincent roughly. He fought like a wildcat, but was overpowered and flung violently down, his ankle twisted under him. Rough hands rifled his pockets. Opal's letter was tossed contemptuously aside. One man then pulled out a sealed blue envelope with a few words typewritten on its face. Gaspar pounced on it with a cry of joy. "This is it!"

He spelled out the inscription. "Not to be opened unless I am incapacitated. W. Stoneham." He turned triumphantly to Vincent. "So you told the truth! You didn't know the combination, but you did know where it was."

Ripping open the envelope, he read off the figures. Mendez, smiling, bowed mockingly to Vincent. "Much obliged, Senor, for bringing us this! When we come back with the money, we will decide what to do with you. Until then—"

He snapped out an order. "Tie his hands and put him in the temple! Guard him carefully! We will start at once for San Pedro!"

His hands were bound tightly behind his back, and Vincent was thrown roughly into a ruined room. Mendez, Gaspar and several others set off on their journey. Vincent lay in the darkness, thinking. If only he could escape and get to San Pedro in time to warn the major! That, however, seemed impossible.

The afternoon wanted to dusk. Three men had remained to guard Vincent. Now and then they looked in to be sure his bonds were secure. After dark they lay down in the room between him and the door, and soon were snoring.

Save for an occasional flash of lightning, the night was black as pitch. At times came the patter of rain or the rattle of hail. Vincent wondered what was happening in San Pedro. If the revolutionists got the money and came back, it would go hard with him; and if they did not, it would go still harder. Somehow he must escape. Desperately, yet noiselessly, he twisted and strained at his bonds.

His wrists were scraped and bleeding when finally he worked his hands free. While he had worked, he had decided just what to do. Pulling off his coat he stuffed it with twigs and pushed it partly under the pile of boughs on which he had lain; on top he placed his bat. He listened. The guards were still breathing heavily.

Rising to his feet, he felt his way stealthily along the clammy stone wall. His only exit lay through the doorway, and one of his captors was sprawled directly across it. Moving with utmost caution, Vincent stepped lightly over him. The man stirred, but did not wake. Vincent could hardly believe his senses when he found himself outside free and undetected.

Which way should he turn? Hardly daring to breathe, he stood motionless in the gloom, waiting until a lurid flash of lightning revealed the black entrance of the river trail. He plunged into this and began his journey back. Sooner or later his escape would be discovered, and he would be pursued. He must hurry.

What was happening in San Pedro? It was past midnight now. Mendez and his crew would wait until all was quiet, before they attempted to overpower the watchman and open the safe. If they obtained the money, Vincent knew the major would blame him.

His Voices ahead! The robbers were coming back. Had they secured the ten thousand dollars? Vincent slipped aside into the underbrush.

They passed so close he could almost have touched them. Had they succeeded or failed? He would not know until he reached San Pedro. When they found out he had escaped, the whole pack would be after him like wolves. As soon as they were safely past, he started on at a dog-trot.

A faint light showed in the east. Dawn was at hand. It helped him to go faster. He reached the river at last, foaming, white and furious! There swung the bridge. As Vincent started to set foot on it, a faint cry drew his eyes downward.

At the foot of the shivering bluff, clinging to a bush with both hands, his body dragging in the current, was Felipe! Evidently the boy, following the treasure party, had crossed the bridge last, and slid down the bank into the river. The gloom had prevented the others from seeing him, and the roaring water had drowned his cries. He lifted a pallid despairing face to the man he had betrayed.

Vincent halted, hesitated. What should he do? Every minute was precious, for pursuers might even now be on his trail. If he went on,

however, the boy would assuredly drown.

On the ledge below the monkey was chattering and pulling at his master. Vincent stood vacillating. This was a hard place in which to be placed. He thought of the ten thousand dollars, of the major, of Opal, of his own people.

Part of the bush broke away: Felipe hung by one hand. That decided Vincent. He leaped down the bluff. Planting his feet firmly, he grasped Felipe's arm, and after a few breathless seconds hauled the lad out on the rock. With a few muttered words and a look of gratitude, Felipe disappeared in the jungle, his monkey again on his shoulder.

Almost feeling that he had been unwise, Vincent turned toward the bridge. He started to cross in a squall of rain and hail. Foot by foot he worked his way out on the swaying, slippery crosspieces. As he reached the middle of the span, wild yells sounded behind him. He looked back.

Out of the jungle ran an angry crowd, Mendez ahead, Gaspar next. The chief snarled an order. Guns were raised. Vincent, crouching, went on as fast as he dared. Every second he expected the crashing volley that would mark his doom.

Suddenly a shrill yell rose. "Don't shoot!"

Felipe appeared, gesticulating wildly, and began an incoherent appeal. Vincent did not have much hope that the lad would prevail; but he kept on going. The volley did not come, however. Mendez snapped another order and Vincent glanced back. The guns had dropped. A few minutes later he was safely across and making his way through the jungle toward San Pedro.

It was almost nine o'clock before he reached San Pedro. In the roadstead lay the great white "Mazurian," launches darting landward from her sides. Vincent thought of Opal. Soon she would be ashore. Hatless, careless, dirty and bruised, he was a pretty figure to present himself. But he must first learn the fate of the \$10,000. Hurrying to the Flores Company's office, he burst in upon the amazed and indignant major. The safe door was wide open and Vincent's heart sank.

"Well, sir!" demanded his chief, glowering like a thundercloud. "What have you to say for yourself?"

His glance travelled over Vincent from rumpled hair to split shoes. "What do you mean by appearing here in such a condition? And what can you tell me about this?" He held out the torn blue envelope and the sheet bearing the combination.

"Last night somebody broke in here and gagged and bound the watchman. This envelope, which I entrusted to you some time ago, I found on the floor in front of the safe. I am waiting."

"Is the money safe?" gasped Vincent.

"It is, sir! And no thanks to you!"

Vincent explained. The major listened stonily. "Is that all you have to say, sir?"

"That's all! And it's enough!" He turned to go. "Wait a minute!" snapped Stoneham. From his desk he took another sealed blue envelope. "Yesterday after you left I got to thinking about Mendez, and changed the combination. I wrote the new one down for you as usual. Here it is!"

He passed the envelope to his assistant. "I owe it to you, sir, to say that you have played the part of a man," he said.

There was a lurking twinkle in his eyes as they again travelled disapprovingly over his head clerk. "Better go to your quarters and make repairs! I think that my niece would like to have you more presentable when you show her over the dam."

Cedar Valley

The school entertainment on Thursday night was a great success. Everybody enjoyed themselves and proceeds were \$24.40.

Little Barbara Wicke from Whitby attended the school entertainment Thursday evening. She returned to Whitby with her mother, Mrs. Wicke, for Christmas.

Miss D. McEwan is spending her holidays with her parents near Stouffville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Galley and Carolyn, of Toronto, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClure for the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Herb. and Bruce Reid and Miss Hazel Reid spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. John Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandon, Sr., entertained their family for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wildfield had a family gathering on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lehman spent Christmas with Mr. Nelson Wildfield.

The Church of Christ is having a Christmas tree for the Sunday-school children at the meeting house on Wednesday evening.

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